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The Iowa Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in the City of Mount Pleasant, and was called to order by Bishop Janes, Sept. 24th, 1856.

The Bishop, after reading a portion of Scripture, singing and prayer, ordered the roll to be called.

G.W. Teas, one of the former secretaries proceeded with the call of the roll, and the following brethren answered to their names: viz. Samuel Clark, Jos. McDowell, L.W. Berry, I.I. Stewart, Wm. Simpson, D. Worthington, M.F. Shinn, O.C. Shelton, H.N. Wilbur, G.W. Teas, J.B. Hardy, Joseph Brooks, H.H. Badley, H. Gibson, W.F. Cowles, A.W. Johnson, S. Haines, M. See, M.H. Hare, John Jay, I. McClaskey, J.H. White, Enoch Wood, J.Q. Hammond, R.S. Robinson, Jos. Gassner, P.F. Holtzinger, P.P. Ingalls, J.C. Smith, C. Morey, S. Brooks, S. Farlow, L.T. Rowley, E.L. Briggs, Thos. E. Corkhill, G.H. Clark, E.M.H. Fleming, J. Guylee, L.A. Smith, J. Craig, F.W. Evans, John Darrah, W. Armstrong, I.P. Teeter, J.P. Hiles, S. Hestwood, J. Sherwood, T. Dixon, D.H. Petefish, A.C. McDonald, R. Mulholland, W.C. Shippen, C. Woolsey, and B. Holland.

Joseph Brooks was chosen Secretary, and E.M. H. Fleming and E.L. Briggs, assistants.

The following committees were constituted, viz: Public Worship.

D. Worthington, J. McDowell, J.H. White, P.F. Holtzinger.

Conference Stewards and Committee on Necessitous Cases:

E.L. Briggs, I.I. Stewart, and R.S. Robinson.
Education, (one from each District)

Keokuk District,-
 Burlington "
 Muscatine "
 Oskaloosa "
 Albia "
 Ft.Des Moines"
 Council Bluffs"

A.C.McDonald,
 L.W.Berry,D.D.,
 G.W.Teas,
 J.Craig,
 R.B.Allender,
 E.M.H.Fleming,
 R.Mulholland.

Sunday Schools,(one from each district)

Keokuk District-
 Burlington "
 Muscatine "
 Albia "
 Oskaloosa "
 Ft.Des Moines "
 Council Bluffs "

S.Haines,
 John Guylee,
 John Harris,
 G.H.Clark,
 H.H.Badley
 S.P.Crawford,
 S.Farlow.

Tract Cause.

W.F.Cowles,P.P.Ingalls,D.H.Petefish, J.Jay,
 S.Brooks and J.C.Smith.

Bible Cause.

Jos.Gassner,S.Clark and I McClaskey.

Colonization;(one from each district)

Keokuk Dist. L.T.Rowley,Burlington Dist.
 Muscatine " E.W.Twining, P.F.Holtzinger
 Oskaloosa " John Darrah, Albia Dist.W.Armstrong,
 FtDesMoines"E.Wood, Co.Bluffs" J.L.Fort,
 S.Clark was added by resolution.

Slavery-(one from each district)

KeokukDist. I.P.Teeter, BurlingtonDist.T.E.Corkhill
 Muscatine D.G.W.Teas, Oskaloosa,D. S.Hestwood,
 Albia "D.Dickinson,Ft.DesMoines,A.W.Johnson,
 Council Bluffs Dist. M.F.Shinn.

Missions.

The Presiding Elders.

Temperance

W.F.Cowles, L.A.Smith and J.C.Smith.

Post Offices.

O.C.Shelton.

On the Conditions and Necessities of our brethren in Kansas.

W.F.Cowles, Jos. Brooks, L.W.Berry.

Periodicals.

L.W.Berry, J.H.Power and S.P.Crawford.

Publishing Minutes.

Thos. E. Corkhill, S. P. Crawford, E. M. H. Fleming.

L. W. Berry was appointed a member of the Publishing Committee of the Central C. Advocate. Also, W. F. Cowles was appointed member of the Publishing Committee of the Northwestern C. Advocate.

Conference Business.

Question 1st.- Who are admitted on trial?

Answer.- Amos Bussey, S. L. Stewart, C. F. Spooner, Hiram Thomas, Jacob Delay, J. F. Goolman, G. N. Powers, John Hunt, W. A. Scott, John Palmer, B. M. Donahoo, J. M. Carle, J. M. Baker, S. F. C. Garrison, Henry Crellin, Wm. Clarridge, A. Lawback, J. T. Simmons.

Ques. 2d-Who remain on trial?

Ans.- John Elrod, T. S. Henderson, W. C. Munson, W. A. Pile, B. Mitchell, W. C. Williams, J. S. Rand, James Haynes W. Poston, B. F. Williams, G. W. Friend, W. Howbert, J. E. Gardner, J. T. Mandeville, S. S. Gruber, J. M. Rust, John Heaton.- Characters severally passed, and they continued on trial. G. C. Whitlock, Geo. Quiggen, and Joel Mason, characters passed, and they discontinued at their own request.

Ques. 3d-Who are admitted into full connexion?

Ans.- N. Wells, G. W. Bamford, R. B. Allender, J. B. Rawls J. Anderson, A. J. Kirkpatrick, Isaac Kelly, D. T. Sweem, W. J. Spaulding.

Ques. 4th-Who are the Deacons? J. B. Hiles, J. G. Thompson, I. P. Teeter, R. Mulholland, T. Dixon, D. H. Petefish, W. C. Shippen, S. Hestwood, A. C. McDonald, B. Holland, C. Woolsey, Jesse Sherwood, Thos. Audas.

Ques. 5th-Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?

Ans.- F. W. Evans, John Darrah.

Ques. 6th-Who have located this year?

Ans.- H. C. Dean, Wm. Armstrong, J. B. Hiles, H. N. Wilbur, J. H. White.

Ques. 7th-Who are the Supernumeraries?

Ans.- None.

Ques. 8th-Who are the Superannuated or worn out Preachers?

Ans.-J.W.Maxon, F.H.Cary, and D.N.Smith.Hugh Gibson was at his request made effective.

Ques.9th-Who have been expelled from the connexion this year? Ans.- None.

Ques.10th- Who have withdrawn from the connexion this year? Ans.- None.

Ques.11th Were all the Preachers' characters examined? Ans.This was carefully attended to by calling over their names,respectively,before the Conference.

Ques.12th-Who have died this year?

Ans.- None.

Ques.13th-What is the number of Members ,and what of Probationers in Society?

Ans.- See statistics.

Ques.14th-What amounts are necessary for the support of superannuated Preachers and widows and orphans?&c., (see appendix)

Ques.15th- What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

Ans.- See Statistics.

Ques.16th-What has been collected for causes of benevolence the past year?

Ans.- See Statistics.

Ques.17th-Where are the Preachers stationed this year? Ans.- See Appointments.

Ques.18th-Where will our next Conference be held? Ans.- At Fort Des Moines.

Thursday Morning, 8 o'clock.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.Bishop Janes in the Chair.Religious services led by Bro.R.S.Robinson.The Roll having been called,it was resolved to suspend the farther call during the remainder of the session.

The minutes of the previous session read and approved.

A Paper from the Quincy Seminary was presented by Bro.R.Mulholland, and on from the Iowa Conference Academy ,presented by Bro.R.S.Robinson.Also one in reference to a Seminary and Female College in Des Moines City,presented by E.

M.H.Fleming, all referred to the Committee on Education.

A circular from the S.S.Union, a circular on the Tract cause, and sundry papers in regard to the cause of Irish Missions, were presented, read, and severally referred to the Committees on those subjects.

Bro.Cowles offered a resolution on the term of the office of Presiding Elder. (see appendix.) Rev.Drs Durbin, Floy, and Porter; Bro.Doughty and Rev.Bro.Conklin were introduced to the Conference

On motion, those under graduates who have not been before their Committees for examination, and those who are reported defective in any part of the course were instructed to be before their committees for examination thereon next year.

On motion, it was resolved to meet this afternoon at 2 1/2 o'clock, for the purpose of obtaining the statistics of the church. On motion, the Secretary was instructed to call for statistics of churches and parsonages.

The draft on the chartered fund having been drawn for both Iowa Conferences at the upper Conference, it was on motion agreed that we donate our proportion to the Upper Iowa Conference.

On motion, Conference adjourned.

Thursday Afternoon, 2 1/2 P.M

Conference met pursuant to adjournment. Dr.J.H. Power in the chair. Religious services conducted by Bro. B.Holland.

On motion of Dr.Berry, the Committees were instructed hereafter to report the undergraduates "Satisfactory", "Unsatisfactory", etc., employing the language of the Discipline on the subject

Call made for the statistics of the several charges, also the Stewards' call, after obtaining which, on motion, Conference adjourned.

Friday Morning, 8 o'clock.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment. Bishop Janes in the chair. Religious services by W.F. Cowles. Minutes read and corrected.

The Committee on Education made their report

in part, which on motion, was adopted item by item. (see appendix.)

Bro French, Agent of the Wilberforce University, was introduced, and the subject of his agency referred to the Committee on that subject.

Committee on Kansas reported as follows; (see appendix.)

The Committee on Tracts reported-report laid on the table.

Committee on Irish Missions reported-report laid on the table.

On motion, Conference adjourned.

Saturday Morning, 8 o'clock.

Conference met. Bishop Janes in the chair. Religious services by H: Gibson. Minutes read and corrected.

On motion, all local preachers recommended for orders shall pass examination.

After which, several brethren were recommended, examined, and elected to deacons orders, also several brethren to elders orders.

After sundry items in regard to passage of character, &c., it was, on motion, resolved, that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Saturday Afternoon, 2 o'clock.

Conference met. Bishop Janes in the chair. Religious services led by Bro. Dawson.

The 3d question taken up, and several brethren were admitted into full connexion; also several local brethren recommended and elected to deacons orders, and one to elders orders.

On motion Conference adjourned.

Saturday Evening Services.-Anniversary of the Missionary Society; Addresses by Rev. Dr. Durbin and W. F. Cowles. After which a collection was taken up.

Services of the Sabbath.-Love Feast at 8 o'clock, A.M. 10 1/2 o'clock, sermon by Bishop Janes, and ordination of Deacons. 3 o'clock P.M. sermon by Dr. Durbin, and ordination of Elders, by Bishop Janes. 7 o'clock ser^{mon} by Dr. J. H. Power.

Monday Morning, 8 o'clock

Conference met. Bishop Janes in the Chair, Religious services by Bro. S. Haines. Minutes read and approved. The Bishop presented the certificates of those who were ordained Deacons and Elders on Sabbath.

On motion of W. F. Cowles, the Conference proceeded to consider the best mode of obtaining ten thousand dollars which was assumed for the University on behalf of the Conference, whereupon a proposition was made for twenty-five brethren to become responsible for \$400 each, when the following brethren responded:

Joseph Brooks,	\$400.	W. F. Cowles,	\$400.	J. Guylee,	\$400
M. Miller	"	J. Gassner,	"	L. W. Berry,	"
J. McDowell,	"	M. H. Hare,	"	D. Worthington	"
I. I. Stewart,	"	R. S. Robinson	"	PHoltzinger	"
W. H. Corkhill,	"	T. E. Corkhill	"	J. H. White	"
J. B. Hardy,	"	Robert Coles	"	John Harris	"
W. C. Shippen,	"	J. M. Dawson,	"	S. Haines,	"
A. J. Kirkpatrick,	"	J. Q. Hammond,	"	M. F. Shinn,	"
I. P. Teeter and)	Bros. Munson)		AC McDonald,	"
H. Gibson,)	" and Pile,)	P. P. Ingalls	"
Total,				\$11.200.	

On motion the Conference resolved itself into a Board of Corporators for the Iowa Wesleyan University, and after the transaction of various items of business in that capacity, Conference resumed business, and on motion, it was

Resolved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

On motion the business of Dr. Durbin was made the order of the day at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

On motion Conference adjourned.

Monday Afternoon, 2 o'clock.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment. Bishop in the Chair. Religious services by Bro. B. Holland. Journal read and approved.

Committee on Periodicals presented their report: (see report.)

The order of the day was taken up, and Dr. Durbin presented his business to the Conference.

On motion, the report on Irish Missions was taken from the table, and after a representation of the Irish cause by Bishop Janes, the report was unanimously adopted; (see appendix.)

Resolution on the subject of Missions, by the officers and managers of the Conference Missionary Society, presented and adopted unanimously by a rising vote; (see resolutions.)

Committee on Colonization presented their report; (see appendix.)

The report of the Committee on the Wilberforce University was made the order of the day for tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

The Committee on Education presented their final report; (see appendix.)

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported; (see appendix.)

Report of the Tract Committee taken up, amended and adopted.

Conference Stewards presented their report; (see appendix.)

On motion Conference adjourned.

Tuesday Morning, 8 o'clock.

Conference met. Bishop Janes in the chair. Religious services by D.N. Smith. Journal read and approved.

Question of re-admission taken up and several brethren were re-admitted; (see list.)

The Committee on Bible cause reported.

Committee on Temperance made the following report; (see appendix.)

The Visiting Committee made their report as follows; (see appendix.)

Committee on Slavery presented their report. Amended and adopted; (see appendix.)

The question of fixing the place of holding the next session of our Conference taken up, and it was decided to hold our next session in Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

A preamble and resolutions sympathising with our brethren in Missouri, presented, read and adopted; (see appendix.)

The report on the Wilberforce University was then taken up. Bro. French, its agent, addressed the Conference; after which a collection was taken up, of over \$2500; (see appendix.)

The Conference Stewards made their final report.

A resolution presented by the Bishop, on a change of the Discipline, so as to authorise the election and ordination of missionary bishops for foreign missions, was adopted by a vote of 52 for, to 14 against; also a

Resolution presented by the Bishop on changing the second restrictive rule, by inserting "1 for every 45", instead of "1 for every 30," was concurred in by a vote of 62 for, and none against.

The following brethren were received during the session by transfer from other Conferences, viz: W. J. Spaulding, of the Indiana Conference; Thos. Audas, of the Cincinnati Conference; S. P. Crawford, of the South East Indiana Conference; John H. Power, D. D. of the North Ohio Conference; J. L. Fort of the Missouri Conference; and Wesley Dennett, of the Cincinnati Conference.

The following brethren were re-admitted during the session on certificate of location from other Conferences, viz:

J. W. Sullivan, of the S. E. Indiana Conference; M. Miller, of the same; Amos Bussey, of the same; A. W. Stryker, of the same; F. M. Slusser, of the Baltimore; I. A. Bradrick, Ohio; W. D. Fouts, of the Rock River; Samuel Reynolds, of the Erie; Austin Coleman, of the North Ohio; and E. W. Twining, of the Iowa Conference.

T. E. Thayer, formerly of the Free Will Baptist Church, and J. M. Carle, of the Wesleyan Methodist church, were recommended, and having taken our ordination vows, were received.

The following local brethren were ordained: Deacons-Peter Cassel, Timothy Thorney, J. M. Moore, J. B. Vernon, W. A. Watson, A. Lawback, and John Light. Elders-Robert Coles, Wm. Daniels, Peter Walker.

APPOINTMENTS

OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE OF THE M.E. CHURCH.

Keokuk District, M. Miller, P.E.
 Keokuk, Exchange Street, S. Haines,
 " Chatham Square, J.C. Smith,
 Montrose, J.F. Goolman,
 Farmington, N. Wells,
 Bentonsport, S. Brooks, one to be supplied,
 Birmingham, R.S. Robinson,
 Libertyville, C. Morey,
 Keosauqua, L.T. Rowley, Agent of the
 Iowa Conference Academy,
 Troy, B. Holland,
 Pittsburgh, John Heaton,
 Vernon, John Hunt,
 Joseph Brooks, Editor of Central Christian
 Advocate, member of Chatham Square Quarterly
 Conference, Keokuk.
 Samuel Clark, Agent of the A. Colonization So-
 ciety, and member of the Pittsburgh Quarter-
 ly Conference.

Burlington District, J.H. Power, P.E.
 Burlington, Zion church, I.A. Bradrick,
 " Ebenezer church, Samuel Reynolds,
 Fort Madison, I.P. Teeter,
 Denmark, Henry Crellin,
 West Point, J.G. Thompson
 Augusta, E.L. Briggs,
 New London, O.C. Shelton,
 Dodgeville, I. McClaskey,
 Northfield, W.C. Munson,
 Wappello, L.A. Smith,
 Harrisburgh, to be supplied.

Mt. Pleasant District, Jos. McDowell, P.E.
 Mt. Pleasant, Asbury Chapel, M.H. Hare,
 " University, " Wesley Dennett,
 Mount Pleasant circuit, Michael See,
 Salem, P.F. Holtzinger,
 Glasgow, Hugh Gibson, John T. Simmons,
 Fairfield, Joseph Gassner,

Brookville,	Wm.A.Pile, one to be sup'd,
Brighton,	A.J.Kirkpatrick,
Marshall,	Hiram W.Thomas,
Crawfordsville,	P.C.Reynolds, one to be sup'd,
Washington circuit,	WM.C.Shippen,
Swede Mission,	A.Errickson, one to be sup'd,
Iowa W.University,	L.W.Berry, D.D.President,
Thomas Audas, and W.J.Spauldin,	Professors,
members of the University Chapel Qt.Conf.	
T.E.Corkhill, and W.F.Cowles,	Agents, members
of the same Qt.Con.	D.Worthington, Agent,
member of Asbury Chapel Qt.Con.	John Darrah,
Agent, member of Fairfield Qt.Conference.	
Muscatine District,	E.W.Twining, P.E.
Muscatine,	J.W.Sullivan,
" Circuit,	John Harris,
Grandview,	John Elrod,
Burris City Mission,	G.N.Power,
Oak Dale,	A.W.Stryker,
Blue Grass,	G.W.Friend,
Wilton,	to be supplied,
Cedar Valley,	" " " "
Richmond,	Wm.Poston,
Washington,	G.W.Teas,
North Bend,	S.S.Stewart,
Albia District,	J.Q.Hammond, P.E.
Albia,	F.W.Evans,
Centreville,	R.B.Allender, one to be sup.,
Union ville,	Jacob Delay,
Drakeville,	Geo. Clark,
Bloomfield,	Amos Bussey,
Springville	T.D.Boyles, one to be sup'd,
Florice Mission,	Bennett Mitchell,
Agency City,	Samuel Hestwood,
Ottumwa,	A.C.McDonald,
Chillicothe,	John Jay, one to be supplied,
Hamilton,	James Haynes.
Oskaloosa District,	Wm.Simpson, P.E.
Oskaloosa,	E.M.Slusser,
Eddyville,	Jesse Craig,
Fremont,	J.M.Carle,
Sigourney,	S.S.Gruber,

Millersburg Mission	J.T.Mandeville,
Marengo,	Geo.W.Bamford,
Montezuma,	to be supplied,
Indianapolis Mission,	Wm.D.Fouts,
Peoria,	T.T.Henderson, S.F.C.Garrison,
Pella,	to be supplied,
Attica,	Enoch Wood.

Fort Des Moines District,	J.B.Hardy, P.E.
Fort Des Moines,	S.P.Crawford,
Des Moines City Mission,	E.M.H.Fleming,
Adel&Panora Mission,	J.Anderson, R.M.Donahoo,
Winterset,	to be supplied,
Indianola,	H.H.Badley,
Hartford,	A.W.Johnson, J.E.Gardiner,
Knoxville,	I.I.Stewart,
Rising Sun,	to be supplied,
Greencastle,	Wm.Clarridge,
Newton,	D.H.Petefish,
Monroe,	A.Coleman,

Chariton District,	P.P.Ingalls, P.E.
Chariton,	John Palmer,
" Circuit,	to be supplied,
Brooklyn,	Thomas Dixon,
Oceola,	Abraham Lawbach,
Afton Mission,	W.C.Williams,
Mt. Ayer "	Jesse Sherwood,
Decatur "	J.B.Rawls,
Leon,	David Dickinson,
Corydon,	C.F.Spooner,
La Grange,	B.F.Williams,
Newburn,	D.T.Sweem,
Adair,	to be supplied.

Council Bluffs Miss. District,	John Guylee, P.E.
Council Bluffs, Miss.,	T.M.Goodfellow,
Pottawattamie,	to be supplied,
Glenwood,	Charles Woolsey,
Fayette, Miss,	Richard Mulholland,
Sidney,	J.L.Forte,
Clarinda & Mont. Miss. S. Farlow,	W.Howbart,
Lewis Mission,	Wm.A.Scott,
Audubon&Shelby Miss.	J.M.Baker,
Magnolia Mission,	J.M.Rust,

Taylor, Isaac Kelly,
 Quincy, to be supplied,
 M.F. Shinn, Agent of Tract and Sunday School
 Societies, member of Council Bluffs Quarterly
 Conference.
 G.H. Jennison, transferred to Minnesota Con-
 ference.

Examining Committees.

1st year, - M.H. Hare, H.H. Badley, W.F. Cowles.
 2d " - I.I. Stewart, E.M.H. Fleming, J.C. Smith.
 3d " - D. Worthington, G.W. Teas, E.L. Briggs.
 4th " - L.W. Berry, P.F. Holtzinger, T.M. Good-
 fellow.

To preach Missionary Sermon, - L.W. Berry, Alter-
 nate, John Harris.

On motion, the Presiding Bishop was requested
 to appoint the Presiding Elder, and some one of
 the preachers of each district, a Committee to
 examine candidates for orders among local prea-
 chers.

Committee of Examination for local brethren
 in their respective districts:

Keokuk District,	M. Miller, S. Haines,
Burlington "	J.H. Power, O.C. Shelton.
Muscatine "	E.W. Twining, John Harris.
Mt. Pleasant "	Jos. McDowell, J. Gassner.
Albia "	J.Q. Hammond, F.W. Evans .
Oskaloosa "	Wm. Simpson, J. Craig.
Ft. Des Moines "	J.B. Hardy, S.P. Crawford.
Chariton "	P.P. Ingalls, D.N. Smith.
Council Bluffs "	J. Guylee, S. Farlow.

Conference closed by reading a portion of
 Scripture by the Bishop, singing, and prayer by
 Dr. Berry. Benediction.

REPORT Of The COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education have had the subject committed to them under careful consideration, devoting to it all the time they could command from other pressing duties of the Conference, and beg leave to report:

Your Committee are fully convinced, that the Church of Christ should appropriate every means of elevating man, not inconsistent with the teachings of the Gospel, and that can be made to render efficient service; and that a body of Christian ministers representing such a Church, and assembled for the purpose of prayerfully and earnestly deliberating on its interests, act wisely in scanning very closely every means and agent in the field, and of directing the attention and liberality of the Church to those that can be made most directly and efficiently subservient to their great work. Such is Education. Your Committee would not unduly magnify its importance, nor ascribe to it as a means any rank or efficiency that does not in sober Christian judgement belong to it. Its value as a means is not positive, but relative; it is as a hand maid, not as a mistress, that its real value is seen. We well know that a living ministry is not only a heaven-appointed instrumentality, but that also, to it has been assigned, in the economy of heaven, the leadership of all instrumentalities; and that therefore to this, under God, we are to look for the conversion of the world. But such a ministry, in fulfilling its high vocation, should lead up every agent and every instrumentality into the service, and work of saving man. Chief among these subordinate means stands Education. For no sectarian purpose have we established denominational institutions. Our ministry, as the result of our

admirable itineracy, permeates all society, and can sufficiently teach the peculiar doctrines and usages of Methodism. It is not for this end, but that we may make education what it should be, the servant of Christ. We would have it instruct the intellect in all science, but we would pervade that science with the energy and vitality of a Christian principle. We would lead the human mind on to discovery and investigation: we would give it the widest field and the largest liberty, but we would baptise every discovery and every accession of intellectual strength with a Christian baptism. We would train intellect until all its powers are developed, to its utmost capacity; but we would at the same time educate the moral powers that conscience may retain its supremacy, and intellect keep the place of subordination. God made intellect a subject, and conscience a ruler in our natures. Infidel education reverses this order, and by overthrowing the economy and balance established by Heaven, makes education a bitter curse, like the plagues of Egypt. Infidel education is a Pandora's box, full of all evils. Christian education is a banquetting house, full of abundant provision for spiritual sustenance. In one case it gives to the human mind strength almost satanic, and lets passion loose without any restraint to to direct it; in the other, it carries man forward towards angelic ability, and nerves conscience with new strength and authority to control it, and make it harmonize with purity. In the hands of infidels education is a potent weapon, polished and pointed for the work of death; in the hands of a redeemed church, a weapon moulded and attempered in the fires of love, for effectual service against the spiritual enemies of man.

But we do not deem it necessary before a body of Christian ministers, to argue either the necessity or importance of education, or that it is the duty of the Church to educate.

Our allusion to it in this form is purely incidental. But we do desire to fix this one thought that our success in building up our university must, for the present at least, depend upon the firm stand, the heartiness, the activity, and enterprise of the ministers of the Iowa Conference. Our whole history shows, that whenever these enterprises have been successful, they have been financially, and in their literary departments, under the supervision of itinerant ministers. there may be laymen who could as successfully sell scholarships and obtain donations and bequests as ministers. Of this, however, we have many doubts. The members of our church have been so long accustomed to the leadership of our ministers, in building churches, establishing schools; indeed in every respect that when laymen have undertaken these interests, they have not generally succeeded. But however this may be, we are compelled for the present to rely on the agency of ministers. To rely on that of laymen, is simply to deceive ourselves, disappoint the hopes of the church, and frustrate our plans in regard to education. Hitherto we have not been able to command, not to say the first, but even respectable financial ability among laymen, for the mere ly living salaries which we have been able to pay. They can gain a compensation for their labors several times greater than the amount of salary we would in any circumstances be justified in paying. And though they, like ministers, are bound to labor and sacrifice for Christ in advancing the interests of the Church, they have not yet, at least to this extent, practically acknowledged such obligations. To supply ourselves with such agents is for the present then, a simple impossibility.

Our only hope for the Iowa Wesleyan University is in the cordial, self denying, active agencies of ministers. And we are wholly at a loss to see how this should, in the judgement of some, con-

flict with their holy calling, except that they cannot perform so large an amount of pastoral labor, as when in charge of circuits and stations. That must be a curious piety that cannot handle dollars and cents for the glory of God and the good of man, without being diminished or destroyed. But as this is wholly untenable, the former must be the ground of objection to clerical agencies. The fact of a diminution of pastoral labor may be admitted. But even in this, if their hearts are warm with love for God and souls, they may preach as frequently, and exercise the pastoral office as extensively as the Presiding Elders do, generally; and they will employ little more time in secular business than the Presiding Elders do if they oversee all the temporal interests of the Church in their own districts. Besides, this objection lays with equal force against ministers raising by personal effort the money necessary to build our churches. It would abstract from the time that should be devoted to visiting their members. The General Conference, after many persevering efforts have been made to establish a different policy, has persisted in employing her leading ministers as book agents, editors, and financial agents of the Missionary and American Bible Societies, where they have much less opportunity for pastoral work than in the agency of colleges. The objection to employing ministers in college agencies stands equally arrayed against employing them as professors. And then these institutions, now proving themselves to be efficient aids in the itinerancy, falling into the hands of those who were never imbued with its self-sacrificing philanthropic, allcompassing spirit, will most likely come to be more or less antagonistic to that itinerancy-and by their localizing influences exerted upon young men and the church, will hinder instead of advance our peculiar work. No man ever fully comprehended our work, the spring of that success which God has vouchsafed to us, or

the machinery we employ, but one who knows our itinerant system in all that is peculiar to it; and the moulding institutions of our church, especially those that are to give direction and impulse to the youthful mind are safe in no other hands. This is no novel doctrine, but one sustained by the highest authority. If the Church, in her highest ecclesiastical court has many times decided, that her periodicals are safe instrumentalities only when conducted by itinerant ministers, and, if in all our history only a single example, that of the lamented Dr. Bond, has been furnished to the contrary, we surely have numerous and safe precedents in employing ministers in connection with the University. It is not from any want of confidence in the integrity and zeal of our brethren that this conclusion is reached, but simply that only an itinerant can understand the itinerant work. There are today many employed in connection with institutions of learning, not from choice but from the call of the church, which they have regarded as imperative, who, if the church decides their work is not truly and legitimately, itinerant work, or that it is even less so than that of the circuit and station would abandon it immediately.

But it will be necessary, not only that agents and professors, but that all the ministers of the Conference should be active, in order to make the University what the wealth, the character, the interests of the church, nay, what the education of our children demand it shall be. Indifference on the part of our ministers, merely letting it alone, will effectually cut off our success. It must become ⁱⁿ the feelings of all our preachers, what it is in fact, our University. As, wherever in the church, such institutions have been built next to the preaching of the gospel and the ordinary means of grace, the building up of the University has been regarded as the great and absorbing interest of the section both by ministers and people, so it must be here. The preachers must become its

its agents, con amore, -its interests must be as their own; and they must be willing to labor and sacrifice for its good-seeking for its patronage, influence, endowment, character, and rejoicing in securing these for it as those that take great spoil. Iowa is abundantly able to endow her own University; and if we see eye to eye, and labor harmoniously, in a few years we may boast in that institution our own Harvard or Yale. If the sun rises in the east it sets in the west; and if New England boasts in reference to education the dawn and the rising sun, we west of the Mississippi, will claim the floods of golden light, the rich forms of reflected lustre, and the higher glories of the setting sun. The time may not be distant when it will be a most pleasing reminiscence, that I have procured a student, made a donation, distributed catalogues, or in any way contributed to the upbuilding of the Iowa Wesleyan University.

We rejoice to be permitted to report that in most respects the University is in a high state of prosperity - and, considering its age, it is so in every respect. There are at the present time nearly two hundred students in actual attendance; and present appearances indicate that the next annual catalogue will show a total of at least four hundred. It has graduated one young man; the present senior class numbers five; there are twenty-five students in college classes, and over seventy preparing for these classes. We have never known so rapid progress made by any institution, not even excepting Harvard, at so early a period in its history. It is of yesterday, and yet has attained to much of the order and efficiency of an old institution. Only one year since the charter granted by the legislature was accepted by the board of corporators, and it became a University. But though yet in its non-age it is exercising the functions of maturity.

There are many reasons why the endowment should be prosecuted vigorously. Its present prosperity argues its future greatness, only on the suppos-

ition that we have arrangements perfected by which we can sustain that prosperity. We regret that it has begun to obtain its endowment on the scholarship system. This may do to give an institution its start, but if it is its only reliance it will ultimately retard its progress and limit its outgoings. If this system is to continue, in the judgement of your committee, the price of its perpetual scholarships should be raised to five hundred dollars, and then when a thousand of them have been secured, let the price be fixed at one thousand dollars. Upon the present cheap system of scholarships an adequate faculty cannot be permanently sustained. But the institution should seek its endowment by donations and bequests. This will secure for it an ample, unembarrassed endowment, giving to the University an efficiency it cannot otherwise acquire.

And is such an endowment unattainable? Do our people demand in the work of endowing a university that they must have a pecuniary consideration? Your committee are not prepared to assert to such statements. Yet we fear that the scholarship system is teaching them those very erroneous views. Had we the ear of the whole church in Iowa we would say, friends of education be not sparing in your donations. The institution is well worthy of your fostering care and largest liberality. The distinguished, talented, pious Olin, in making his will reckoned the institutions of the church as his children, and bequeathed to them as to children. Let the University be your legatee. Place your money where, free from the danger of being squandered or lost, it will bless mankind after you "rest from your labors", and where "your reward has followed you." The prosperity which the University now enjoys cannot be continued unless its means continue to increase with its years. That which is excusable now, such as the want of library and apparatus, will in a few years deserve and receive the severest censure. Let its present prosperity be maintained and

increased. Everywhere welcome its agents, and let your donations be so increased that their reports shall show an unprecedented liberality. And soon the Iowa Wesleyan University will be all that its warmest friends have desired.

Your committee would submit the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, As the Iowa Annual Conference at its session in Fairfield, in 1850, adopted the Mt Pleasant Collegiate Institute, and agreed to make it the University of the church in Iowa; and, at its session of 1854, the Conference directed its agents to procure a University charter, which at its session in 1856 it unanimously accepted, therefore it was the intention of the Iowa Conference to concentrate the wealth and influence of the whole church in Iowa upon this institution for the purpose of making it an institution of the highest grade.

2. That an attempt to rear any other within our bounds, of similar grade after the whole Conference pledged itself to this, is in contravention of the public engagements of the Conference, and calculated to hinder and embarrass the educational interests of Methodism in this state.

3. Resolved, That the church is not and will not be for many years to come able to establish more one such institution within our bounds.

4. Resolved, That our people be earnestly requested to discourage and discountenance all attempts to establish any other institution seeking endowment.

5. Resolved, That we have full confidence in the success and permanency of the Iowa Wesleyan University.

6. Resolved, That we cordially approve of the establishment of self-sustaining seminaries, and to such, and to only such will this Conference extend its patronage.

7. Resolved, That the agents of the University be instructed to direct their efforts more to securing donations and bequests, and that our people be earnestly requested to exercise a lar-

ger liberality in regard to the University.

8. Resolved, That we deem it important that a Biblical and Theological Department should be opened in the University as soon as its endowment will justify.

9. Resolved, That the emergency demands that four agents shall be appointed for the ensuing year.

10. Resolved, That we recommend the appointment of T. E. Corkhill, W. F. Cowles, D. Worthington and John Darrah.

11. Resolved, That L. W. Berry, C. N. McDowell, D. Worthington, Joseph Mc Dowell, A. Lee and N. W. Burris be elected Trustees to fill the vacancies occasioned by the expiration of the time of the first class of Trustees, and E. Mayne to fill the vacancy in the fourth class, created by the resignation of G. Porter.

12. Resolved, That W. Simpson, A. C. McDonald, S. P. Crawford, E. M. H. Fleming, P. P. Ingalls, J. B. Hardy, S. Haines, P. F. Holtzinger, and G. W. Teas be appointed visitors to the University.

The citizens of Des Moines city offer to the Conference six lots, making between two and three acres in that city estimated at six thousand dollars, and they also offer to raise ten thousand dollars for the purpose of erecting a seminary, which they desire to name the Iowa Conference Seminary and Female Collegiate Institute. They wish to establish in the Female Department a school of the highest grade, which shall have power to graduate its pupils. They disclaim any intention of seeking endowment.

Your committee deem it important that a first class seminary should be established in the Capitol of the State, and would present the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That the Conference extend its patronage to this institution.

2. Resolved, That J. B. Hardy, S. P. Crawford, E. L. Briggs, E. M. H. Fleming, Enoch Wood, and D. H. Petefish, (ministers), Alford U. Lyon, John W. Stanton,

Harrison Lyon, A.Y. Hull, John Taylor, and Thomas Dowler, (laymen) be Trustees of said institution.

3. Resolved, That the Trustees shall be divided into two classes of six and seven respectively, and their term of office shall expire, the first class at the end of one year, the second at the end of two years, and one class shall go out every year, the vacancy being supplied by the Conference.

4. Resolved, The Conference shall appoint three visitors each session, for the Seminary. Your committee would nominate the preachers who may be appointed to Knoxville, Indianola, and Monroe, as visitors.

The members of the church on Quincy Mission, Adams county, have donated twenty acres of ground, and offer to erect a building on this site worth six thousand dollars, for the purpose of erecting a seminary, to be called the Quincy Seminary.

Your committee rejoice to present these Seminaries to the Conference, believing they will diffuse education, and at the same time furnish advanced students to the University, and would recommend that Quincy Seminary be taken under the patronage of the Conference.

The citizens of Keosauqua have established a school on the joint-stock plan, allowing the Conference to elect their trustees, and requesting them to appoint visitors. The school is opened, and is under the charge of an experienced teacher. We would recommend that the Conference extend its patronage to it, and elect Trustees and visitors: For Trustees-A.C. McDonald, M. Miller, L.T. Rowley. For Visitors- The preachers who may be appointed to Winchester, Troy and Pittsburgh Circuits.

Resolved, That we approve of the establishment of a self-sustaining Seminary at Oskaloosa, and will extend our patronage to it. We recommend the following gentlemen for Trustees.

For Oskaloosa Seminary (Trustees,)

Term of One Year. Term of Two Years--.

Bro. Jesse Craig,	Rev. Wm. Simpson,
Bro. J. R. Needham,	Rev. Wm. B. Street,
Bro. T. T. Henderson,	Rev. J. B. Hardy,
Rev. Joseph Kelly,	Rev. J. M. Davison,
James B. Rinehart,	Rev. N. J. Smith,
Wm. T. Smith,	Wesley Moreland,
	Wm. H. Seevers.

Respectfully submitted, L. W. Berry, Ch'n.

(N.B. The date 1856 given in line 14 P. 22,
looks to me like an error for 1855, but I
have typed as printed. Typist)

Report of Visiting Committee.

The committee appointed as visitors to the
Iowa Wesleyan University offer the following
report :

We were in attendance at the examination of
the students and at the commencement exercises
at the close of the first year, and are happy to
say we were much edified and pleased with what we
saw and heard; we were also highly pleased with
the degree of advancement made in its career of
usefulness. The morning of its existence promis-
es a noon bright and glorious.

We will not enter into detail, but in general \times
terms say the examination of all the classes
in the various branches of study were as thor-
ough as time would permit, and gave ample evidence
of application and success on the part of students
and of ability, skill and assiduity on the part of
the teachers. The declamations were graceful in
style and forcible in delivery.

The addresses and essays, truthful, chaste, and
elegant, satisfied us that the Faculty and Teach-
ers, were successful in their attempts at train-
ing in a high degree those under their care.

From all we can learn we are satisfied that the
discipline is good, being strict, firm and mild,
and we feel assured that so far as the government
is concerned, parents and guardians may without

fear commit their sons, daughters and wards, to the care of the Iowa W. University.

We conclude by earnestly pressing upon the members of this Conference the necessity of a deeper interest, and more ardent and united effort in behalf of our University, and suggest that the way be opened in all our charges for the success of the agents, by enlisting the feelings of our people and friends in behalf of the glorious enterprise of a permanent and full endowment so that the University may be established on a firm basis and achieve a high destiny.

-D. Dickinson, Chairman.

Conference Missionary Society's Report.

The Officers and Managers of the Iowa Conference Missionary Society present the following:

In view of the continued and alarming deficiency in the Missionary contributions of the church generally, (although our own Conference has gradually advanced), and in view of the rapid growth of our State, and increase in the wealth of our people, we feel it to be our duty to increase our efforts to advance the missionary cause, and to induce our people to establish a regular system of benevolence, contributing from principle, and as the Lord prospers them, in support of the great enterprise. Therefore,

Resolved, That we will use all our due diligence prudently to execute among our people the plan laid down in the book of discipline for the support of missions.

Resolved, That we recommend the General Missionary Committee, and Board of Bishops not to curtail our missionary appropriations or work, but to rather enlarge both, and call on the church for the funds necessary to consummate our missionary plans.

Resolved, That our public annual missionary meetings in each charge be held on some Sabbath in May or June next, of which we will give due notice, and expect our church and congregations to make

their annual contribution to the missionary cause.

Resolved, That we advise the publication of our Missionary reports in the Conference Minutes, and that the expense of the same be charged to the Missionary Society.

Resolved, That in view of the conditions of the world, and the ability of our people, we believe the Methodist Episcopal Church called on to take her place with other Protestant churches in the great Missionary movement of the age.

Report of the Committee on Irish Missions.

Your Committee have had the subject of Irish Missions, which was referred to them under careful consideration, and present the following as their report:

We gather from those documents referred to us and from the history of the case, as it has been presented to us in periodicals of the church, that the object of the mission is especially to aid the Wesleyans in the evangelization of Papal Ireland.

The means by which it is proposed to accomplish this great object are in substance the following:

1st. By general missionaries, who shall be pioneers, preaching everywhere that hearers can be obtained.

2d. By particular missionaries, established at points where providence may open the way.

3d. By strengthening weak circuits by additional missionary labors.

4th. By colporteurs, or "Bible Readers", who go from house to house, reading, praying, exhorting, and instructing the people.

5th. By scripture schools in the most destitute places for the instruction of those who could not otherwise be reached or enlightened.

6th. As a most important auxiliary to those means, the establishment of a literary institution for the purpose of preserving their youth

from proselytism and secure their services to themselves in the work of evangelization.

It is supposed that two hundred and fifty thousand dollars will be required to place this enterprise on a proper basis, and render successful in the accomplishment of the object proposed. Of this comparatively small sum, one hundred thousand dollars at least must be raised by the Western Conferences.

As this enterprise has been approved by the Board of Bishops, by the General Conference, and by those Annual Conferences to which it has been submitted, and as it is highly worthy the patronization of all Protestant Christians, we hope the Iowa Conference will esteem it a duty, a privilege, an honor to make an earnest effort to raise their proportion of this charitable fund.

Your committee recommend for adoption the following:

1. Resolved, That the preachers will at their earliest convenience present and explain this subject to all their congregations, taking up a collection in behalf of this benevolent cause.

2. Resolved, That we will endeavor to raise the sum of three thousand dollars within the bounds of this Conference.

3. Resolved, That the preachers forward to their respective Presiding Elders the amounts obtained in their several charges, and when all have so reported, the Presiding Elders shall forward the amount received to the Book Agent at Cincinnati.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

R.S. Robinson,

P.P. Ingalls,

T.M. Goodfellow,

J.H. Power.

Report On Slavery.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of slavery, would report that the growing evil wears at the present day a more appalling and frightful aspect than at any previous time.

That from recent developments, we are persuaded that this "sum of all villianies", in the very nature of things can but disturb and in many instances destroy the peace and happiness of any community wherever it exists.

Your committee do not feel at liberty to particularise, nor point to the sea of Human blood about to be turned by implements of warfare upon this heaven-favored land of Freedom; nor do we feel like inciting incendiary feelings in the bosoms of our people; nor yet do we feel like deserting the glorious TREE OF LIBERTY, under whose shadowing boughs we, and our fathers, have rested in peaceful security, safe from the storms of oppression and terror that have swept in tempest over the world. But to all, whether North or South, East or West, who would lop off any branch, or offer violence in any way, we would enter our protest, saying,

"Woodman, spare that tree."

We therefore present for your adoption the following:

1. Resolved, That we will use all means consistent with our high calling to prevent the spread of American slavery.

2. Resolved, That we will hereafter "Remember those that are in bonds as being Bound With Them."

3. That we will set apart a day, (viz: The Sabbath between Christmas and New Year,) as a day of solemn prayer to Almighty God for the emancipation of our degraded brethren, in bonds in the Slave States.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

D. Dickinson, Ch'n

Report of Committee on Kansas.

Your committee appointed to take into consideration the perilous condition of our breyhren in Kansas, would offer the following:

Since the repeal of that portion of the Missouri compromise which prohibited slavery in the Territories now known as Kansas and Nebras-

ka, there has been evidence of a settled determination on the part of slave-holders to plant and establish slavery in Kansas at all hazards. And in order to carry into effect such a diabolical purpose, armed hordes from Missouri, and other slave states, have repeatedly invaded the territory, burned their towns, plundered peaceful citizens of all their goods, driven many from the Territory, imprisoned and maltreated others and wantonly murdered many unoffending citizens, for no other offence than desiring lawfully to make Kansas a free State.

And, moreover, when these citizens have appealed to the government for protection, their petitions have gone unheeded, and apparently the whole influence of the government has been thrown on the side of the invaders, and these things continue to increase, and to all the horrors of invasion is to be added that of Famine, unless relief come from a distance. Therefore in view of the perilous and suffering condition of our brethren in Kansas, and their frequent appeals to us, for aid and sympathy,

1. Resolved, By the Iowa Annual Conference, that we heartily sympathize with our brethren in Kansas, and will continually pray that God will give them grace to bear up under the persecutions they are called to endure, until in His good Providence He shall deliver both them and their land from the hand of the oppressor.

2. Resolved, That we approve of the FRIENDS OF FREEDOM in this and other free States sending relief to the free State men of Kansas, and will aid in this laudable work.

Respectfully submitted. W.F. Cowles, CH'n.

Colonization Report.

Your committee on Colonization would respectfully submit the following:

In view of the degraded condition of near two hundred million of the sable sons of Africa, also the oppressed conditions of the Negro race in our

own country, we would offer the following;

1. Resolved, That we maintain the utmost confidence in the American Colonization Society, as an important instrumentality in elevating the aforesaid race.

2. Resolved, That we recommend to the confidence and prayers of our people this important enterprise.

3. Resolved, That each member of the Conference hereafter appointed to the regular work shall be required to preach on this subject at some convenient time during the coming Conference year.

4. Resolved, That we recommend the continuance of Rev. Samuel Clark as agent for said Society.

Respectfully submitted. L.T. Rowley, Ch'n.

Report of the Committee on the Wilberforce University.

Your Committee to whom was referred the interest of the University for colored people in connexion with the Cincinnati Conference, would report the following:

We believe that the christianization, education and elevation to freedom of the colored people of this country is a work that devolves upon the Christian churches of this land, as great responsibility as the duty to send missionaries to foreign lands, and moreover, one of the most successful means of opening the way to freedom for the slave is the education of free people of color, Therefore,

1. Resolved, That we rejoice at the opening of a University for the colored people of this country, under auspices of the Cincinnati Conference.

2. Resolved, That we will by our contributions and influence aid in sustaining and carrying to a successful issue this benevolent and Christian enterprise. W.F. Cowles, Ch'n.

After the adoption of the above report, Rev. Mr. French, Agent of the Wilberforce University, de-

livered an eloquent address on its behalf, after which a collection was taken amounting in pledges to over twenty-five hundred dollars.

----- Resolutions in Regard to Methodism in Slave Territories.

Whereas the Methodist Preachers in the State of Missouri and other slave Territory of the south-west have for several years past been subjected to relentless persecution, suffering the loss of social position, the loss of property, personal violence, and in several instances death itself, because of their adherence to the doctrines and discipline of the Methodist Church. And, whereas, many of our brethren at a distance, being misinformed, have questioned the position and fidelity of our ministers there, seeking to cut off supplies, and even to disband the Conferences; And whereas, we believe the finger of God's providence points Methodism to the south-west, and the voice from on high, says to us "onward!" Therefore,

1. Resolved, That we have unshaken confidence in the Anti-Slavery position and integrity of our brethren of the Missouri and Arkansas Conferences.

2. That our deepest sympathy is extended to our suffering and persecuted brethren in that section of our work. And we hereby re-assure them of our continued prayers for them, and of our determination to co-operate with them in every practicable manner in promoting the work of God within their bounds.

3. Resolved, That, in our opinion, the Methodist citizens of Missouri and other portions of the south-west have no sympathy with the opposition to religious liberty, and the mob violence which has applied tar, feathers, hemp, ropes, and recklessly driven from their country the ministers of Christ; but that many, very many, anxiously desire the word of life from the lips of Methodist preachers.

4. Resolved, That we affectionately ask our brethren abroad to give to our brothers in Missouri and Arkansas their sympathy, support and prayers.

5. Resolved, That we heartily approve of the action of the Missionary Board in appropriating funds as liberally as may be to the support of the work in the Territory referred to in the foregoing resolutions. Joseph Brooks,
T.E. Corkhill.

Report of the Temperance Committee.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Temperance, submit the following:

We are as much as ever convinced of the great importance of this work; and while we are highly pleased with what has been already accomplished, yet we feel that much more is necessary yet to be done. Therefore,

1. Resolved, That we as members of the Iowa Annual Conference will not relax our efforts, but continue to exert our influence in sustaining this great cause, especially our prohibitory Liquor law.

2. Resolved, That we will advise our people to make a practical application of the Law, until this glorious cause shall triumph throughout our State.

Respectfully submitted. L.A. Smith, Ch'n.

Report of the Tract Committee.

The committee on the Tract cause would offer the following:

1. Resolved, That the present agent be instructed to settle up the business, as far as his connection with it is concerned, with the board of officers and managers.

2. Resolved, That we recommend the blending of the agency of the Tract and Sabbath School causes, and the appointment of but one agent.

3. Resolved, That we will co-operate with the agent in the circulation of our religious literature, and the raising of funds for this object.

4. Resolved, That the board of officers and managers be removed from Burlington to Mt. Pleasant.

5. Resolved, That we recommend the election of

Judge E. Kilpatrick for President, J. P. Grantham for Secretary, C. N. McDowell for Treasurer; for managers, the P. E. of the Mt. Pleasant District, the preachers having charge of stations in Mt. Pleasant, and on Mt. Pleasant circuit, and J. C. Lockwood, Alex. Lee and W. Bird. W. F. Cowles, Ch'n.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the managers of the Missionary Society be and are hereby requested to furnish all the material relating to the interest of the Missionary cause within the bounds of the Iowa Conference, for publication in the Annual Minutes, including amounts collected, names of donors, &c.

Resolved, That we will raise during the coming year, for the missionary cause, five thousand dollars. D. N. Smith, M. F. Shinn.

Resolved, That we will endeavor to procure twenty-five cents per member, in all our charges, to meet the current expenses of the Iowa Wesleyan University the coming year, and any failure to procure the above amount shall not be chargeable to our negligence.

Wm. Simpson, S. P. Crawford.

Resolved, That we will petition the next Legislature to repeal the laws prohibiting colored persons settling in our State.

W. F. Cowles.

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to continue no man in the office of Presiding Elder for more than four years in succession. Carried by a count vote of 41 to 12.

W. F. Cowles.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

STATISTICS.

Keokuk District	Members	Prob'ts	L. Pre's	Mission ary Coll'n	Sunday School Coll'n	Tract Coll'n	Bible Coll'n	Church es	Parson ages
Exchange Street, } Keokuk,	137	11	1	22.00	16.00	7.00	10.00	1	
Chatham Square, }	128	5	1	50.00	9.30	10.00		1	
Montrose ,	80	24	1					3	
Farmington,	230	24	4		13.24			1	
Bonaparte,	120	16	2	3.60	2.10	6.00			
Winchester,	245	5	2	6.00	23.98	6.81		1	1
Keosauqua,	150	20	1	24.00	4.00	8.00	26.75	1	1
Birmingham,	225	24		30.00	30.00	11.63		3	1
Libertyville,	170	30	6	11.35		6.50		1	1
Bloomfield,	322	52		15.20		5.00	24.00	1	1
Troy,	384	51	4	55.00		2.35	20.00	1	1
Pittsburgh,	164	23	2	25.90	7.00	12.00		2	1
Vernon,	117	27	2	4.10				1	
	2471	312	26	247.45	105.62	75.29	80.78	17	7

Burlington District		Members	Probationers	Local Preach's	Missionary Coll'n	Sunday School Coll'n	Tract Coll'n	Bible Collection	Churches	Parsonages
Zion,	Burlington,	142	4		80.00	18.60		41.00	1	1
Ebenezer,		140			18.82			11.00	1	
Ft. Madison,		121	10			5.95			1	
West Point,		82	2	1					1	1
Salem,		182	9	5					1	
Fairfield,		276	40	2	75.00	10.70		33.00	1	1
Glasgow,		310	78	4	129.30	29.97			3	
Mt. Pleasant,		378	76	3	120.00	20.00	20.00	200.00	1	1
" " circuit,		256		5	75.00	10.00			3	
New London,		285	17	2	61.75	16.80	10.00	28.17	2	1
Augusta,		225	6	2	25.30	32.00		10.00	3	1
Dodgeville,		139	20	3	29.20				2	1
Swede Mission,		90	7	1	58.00				1	1
Muscatine District		2621	264	28	521.87	144.02	30.00	323.17	21	8
Muscatine,		350	20	2	52.00			106.99	1	
" circuit,		105	47	1	18.85					
Fairport,		208	96	4	8.00	34.60			4	2
Grandview,		122	30	2	34.00		3.90		2	
Wapello,		200	20						2	
Northfield,		135	9						2	1
Crawfordsville,		515	65	4	165.00	12.75	40.00	17.00	3	2

Washington,	276	18	5	51.20				3	1
Richmond,	246	40	6	27.00				1	1
Cedar Valley,	94	17	1					1	
Brighton	175	25	5	33.00					
Oskaloosa District.	:2426	378	30	389.00	47.35	43.90	123.00	21	7
Oskaloosa,	232	8	4	60.00	10.00	10.00	45.00	1	1
Eddyville,	296	50	3	163.70			35.00	2	1
Ottumwa,	104	3		10.25	3.00				
Agency City,	245	40	1	60.75	6.48	5.00		3	
Brookville,	337	71	3	33.00		7.40		3	1
Sigourney,	257	88	7	10.00	2.45			2	1
Montezuma,	246	78	4	26.00	3.50	1.50	2.00	1	1
Millersburgh,	95	3						1	
Marengo,	220	75	3					1	1
Peoria,	248	48	4	18.27	8.98	5.00		4	
Fremont,	146	100	4					1	
Pella,	150	24	2	37.00	6.00		5.00	1	
	2570	588	35	418.97	39.41	28.90	87.00	19	7

(By an error in following the lines, Peoria and Fremont figures were exchanged; Typist)

Albia District	Members	Probationers.	Local Preachers	Missionary Collection	Sunday School Collection	Tract Collect'n	Bible Collection	Churches	Parsonages.
Albia,	145	19	1	21.95	14.40	13.80		1	1
South Grove,	180	6	1	6.70				2	1
Chillicothe,	254	56						1	1
Floris,	131	35	4					1	1
Drakesville,	182	84	2					3	1
Union ville,	125	37		2.25		11.00		1	
Centreville,	318	36	8	17.80				1	
Corydon,	171	51	3	9.50				1	
Leon,	268	111	10	20.65				1	
Oceola,	286	14	4			10.00			
Chariton,	175	25	3	2.50	15.80	10.45	45.10	2	1
Lagrange,	379	72	3	36.50		5.00			
Ft. Des Moines District:	2613	546	39	117.85	30.20	50.25	45.10	11	5
Fort Des Moines,	115	38	3			21.00		1	1
Adell,	146	17	4	15.00					
Winterset,	120	15							
Brooklyn,	254	80	5	5.00					1
Indianola,	315	19	5	35.50	13.15	25.00		1	1
Hartford,	277	65	5	20.15				3	1
Knoxville,	240	67	4	10.50	19.50	12.25	42.75	1	

Attica ,	249	58	2	16.20	50	50		1	1
Monroe,	250	95	3	46.36	6.70		9.40	2	1
Newton,	125	5	3	50	10.00			1	1
Council Bluffs District:	2097	459	31	148.71	49.85	58.75	52.15	10	7
Council Bluffs,	80							1	
Glenwood,	196	30	3	4.50	2.20			2	1
Sydney,									
Page&Taylor	203	68	3	5.00	16.30				1
Cass,	100								1
West Nishoney,									
Afton,	215	52	4		1.50				
Quincy,	120	52	5	30.20	18.93	2.75	18.50	1	1
Panora,	116	57	2	4.00					
Shelby;	12								
Magnolia,	49	50							
Recapitulation by Districts	1091	309	17	43.70	38.93	2.75	18.50	5	3
Keokuk "	2471	312	26	247.45	105.62	75.29	80.78	17	7
Burlington "	2621	264	28	521.87	144.02	30.00	323.17	21	8
Muscatine "	2426	387	30	389.05	47.35	43.90	123.00	21	7
Oskaloosa "	2570	588	35	418.97	39.41	28.90	87.00	19	7
Albia "	2613	546	39	117.85	30.20	50.25	45.10	11	5
Fort Des Moines "	2097	459	31	148.71	49.85	58.75	52.15	10	7
Council Bluffs "	1091	309	17	43.70	38.93	2.75	18.50	5	3
Totals,	15889	2858	206	1887.60	455.38	289.84	729.70	104	43
Increase	1420	573	32	518.69	307.47	(D52.51)	259.17	26	14

STEWARDS REPORT.

Names of Charges.	Names Of Preachers.	Quarterag	Claims	Table	Expenses	House	Rent	Traveling	Expenses	Quarterag	Receipts	Table	Expenses	House	Rent	Traveling	Expenses	Fifth Col.	& Nec. Cas.
Kookuk District,	M.H.Hare	\$272	\$178	\$	50	\$	5.00	\$	272	\$	178	\$	50.00	\$	5.00	\$			
" Exchange St	Sanford Haines,	224	500		100		27.70		224		500		100.00		27.70		1.00		
" Chatham Sq	W.F.Cowles,	156	530				14.00		156		530				14.00				
Montrose,	F.W.Evans,	200	150		40				200		20								
Farmington,	John Heaton,	264	150		50				264		100		50.00						
Bonaparte,	W.C.Shippen,	216	125						216		100								
Winchester,	J.P.Teeter,	216	136				10.00		216		136				10.00				
Keosauqua,	R.S.Robinson,	290	150		25		12.00		290		125								
Birmingham,	A.C.McDonald,	216	180				10.00		216		180				10.00				
Libertyville,	J.M.Rust,	110					3.75		50										
Bloomfield,	L.T.Rowley,	280	200		55				280		180		55.00						
Troy,	C.Morey,	374	100		36		22.00		374		200		36.00		22.00				
Pittsburgh,	B.Holland,	280	100						280		100								
Vernon,	John Elrod,	116	100						116		100								
		3214	2599		356		104.45		3154		2369		291.00		88.70		1.00		

Total Claims, \$6273.45; Total receipts, \$5902.70; Deficiency, \$370.75; Rec'd, 951/2%

Names Of Charges	Names Of Preachers	Quarterage Claims	Table Expenses	House Rent	Traveling Expenses	Quarterage Receipts	Table Expenses	House Rent	Traveling Expenses	5th Coll.
Burlington District,	D. Worthington,	\$ 280	\$ 282	\$ 120	\$ 5.25	\$ 250	\$ 200	\$ 42	\$ 525	
" Old Zion,	T.M. Goodfellow,	232	325		25.00	232	325		2500	
" Ebenezer,	P.P. Ingalls,	232	250	106		232	250	136		
Ft. Madison,	H.N. Wilbur,	222	150			42				
West Point,	J.G. Thompson,	200	150		12.00	200	150		1200	
Salem,	G.H. Jennison,	232	150	18		232	150	18		
Fairfield,	J. Gassner,	280	250		30.00	280	250		3000	800
Glasgow,	Michael See,	300	150	24		260	150	24		
Mt. Pleasant,	J.H. White,	280	300		47.00	280	300		4700	
" " circuit,	P. Holtzinger,	240	185	75		215	170	65		400
New London,	O.C. Shelton,	248	202		14.00	223	173		1400	
Augusta,	J. McClaskey,	240	320		19.00	240	320		1900	380
Dodgeville,	J.B. Hiles,									
Swede Mission,	And'w Erickson,	200	150			200	150			

\$3186 2864 373 152.25 \$2886 2588 218 152 25.15 30

Total Claims, \$6575.25; Total receipts, \$5911.68; Deficiency \$663.57. Rec'd, 88 %

(43 odd cents omitted in ^{itemized} "Receipts" for lack of space. Typist)

Names Of Charges.	Names Of Preachers.	Quarterage Claims	Table Expenses	House Rent	Trav. Exp.	Quarterage Receipts	Table Expenses	House Rent	Trav. Exp.	Fifth Col. & Nec. Cases.
Muscatine Dist.	Joseph McDowell,	\$ 200	\$ 300			\$ 200	\$ 250			
Muscatine,	John Harris,	216	400	108 00	35	216	400	108 00	35	11.25
" Ct,	G. Quiggin,									
Fairport	W.C. Munson,	280	365			280	365			
Grandview,	S.T. Manderville,	200	100	62 00	20	150	75	39 00		
Wapello,	H.C. Dean,									
Northfield,	J. Haynes,	216	144	27 50	3	216	144	27 50		
Crawfordsville,	A.J. Kirkpatrick,	275	100			275	100			
" " "	G.W. Friend,	275	100			275	100			
Washington,	G.W. Teas,	216	200		19	216	200		19	
Richmond,	L.C. Woodford,	232	150		18	139	150		18	
Cedar Valley,	N. Wells,									
Brighton,	B. Mitchell,	200	129	36 00		200	90	36 00		
		\$2310	1988	233 50	95	\$2167	\$1874	210 50	72	11.25

Total Claims, \$4626.50; Total receipts, \$4323.94; Deficiency, \$302.56; Rec'd, 971/24
(Omitted 44cts from Richmond charge Quarterage receipts, for lack of space.)

The printed summary gives Per cent Receipts, 87 1/2, but this is so manifestly an error, that I have corrected it.

Names Of Charges	Names Of Preachers.	Quarter- age claims	Table Expenses	House Rent	Traveling Expenses	Quarter- age Receipts	Table Expenses	House Rent	Traveling Expenses	Fifth Col & Nec. Cases.
Oskaloosa Dist.	Wm. Simpson,	\$ 256	\$ 167	\$ 75	\$ 15	\$ 256	\$ 150.51	\$ 75	\$ 15	
Oskaloosa,	I. I. Stewart,	256	244		10	256	244.00		10	10.00
Eddyville,	J. Craig,	248	140	56	25	248	140.00	56	25	
Ottumwa,	W. D. Fouts,	264				264				
Agency City,	Strange Brooks,	232	180	50	10	232	180.00	50	10	
Brookville,	John Darrah,	248	175		16	248	175.00		16	20
Sigourney,	S. Hestwood,	288	150		10	288	150.00		10	
Montezuma,	H. H. Badley,	272	150	50		272	150.00	50		5.00
Millersburg,	S. S. Gruber,	200	150			200	150.00			
Marengo,	G. Bamford,	232	145		18	210	120.00			
Peoria,	W. A. Pile,	248	150	48	12	248	150.00	48	12	
Fremont,	W. Poston,	200	170	36		200	170.00	36		2.25
Pella,	T. T. Henderson,	280				264				1.48

\$3224\$1821\$315\$116\$3186\$1779.51\$315\$ 98\$ 18.93

Total claims, \$5476.00; Total receipts, \$5378.51; Deficiency, \$97.49; Recpts 98 1/2%

Names Of Charges	Names Of Preachers.	Quarterage Claims	Table Expenses	House Rent	Traveling Expenses	Quarterage Receipts	Table Expenses	House Rent	Traveling Expenses	Fifth Col.
Albia District,	J.Q.Hammond,	200	185.00	50.00	50	200	185	50.00	50	
Albia,	C.Woolsey,	200	165.00		27	200	165		27	
South Grove,	John Jay,	264	150.00			250	50			
Chillicothe	Wm.Armstrong,	206	145.41	20.83	30	196	136	20.83	30	10
Floris,	---Edwards,	248	96.00		18	208	96		18	
Drakesville,	L.A.Smith,	256	140.00		15	256	140		15	
Unionville,	George Clark,	200	100.00	27.00	8	200	100	27.00	8	
Centreville,	R.B.Allender,	288	225.00		25	288	225		25	
Corydon,	B.F.Williams,	240	116.66	25.00	30	210	96	25.00	30	
Leon,	J.B.Rawls,	258	150.00		28	258	150		28	
Oceola,	J.Sherwood,	224	150.00	48.00	20	224	150	48.00	20	
Chariton,	D.Dickinson,	264	299.00		41	152	190		42	
Lagrange,	D.T.Sweem,	280	100.00			280	100			

\$3128\$2022.07\$170.83\$292\$2922\$1783\$170.83\$293\$ 10

Total Claims,\$5614.06;Total Receipts,\$5169.85;Total Deficiency,\$444.41;Rec'd about 92 cents on the dollar.

(omitted for lack of space; Claims; 66 cts,Quarterage ,Chillicothe;50 cts Trav.Ex.Centreville; Receipts,36cts Quarterage,Chillicothe;50 cts Trav.Ex. Centreville.)

Nmaes Of Charges	Names Of Preachers	Quarterage Claims	Table Expenses	House Rent	Traveling Expenses	Quarterage Receipts	Table Expenses	House Rent	Traveling Expenses	Fifth Col. & Nec. Cases
Ft. Des Moines Dis.	J. B. Hardy	\$ 248	\$ 175	\$ 76	\$ 50.00	\$ 248	\$ 175	\$ 76	\$ 50.00	
Fort Des Moines,	S. P. Crawford,	252	175		104.00	252	175		104.00	14.20
Adell,	T. Dixon,	280	150		24.00	194	100		24.00	
Winterestt,	--- Parker,									
Brooklin,	J. Mason,	260	125		6.50	175	125		6.50	
Indianola,	-- Guiberson,	248	175		100.00	248	175		100.00	
Hartford,	A. W. Johnson,	240	177	48	14.00	240	177	48	14.00	3.95
Knoxville,	E. L. Briggs,	272	160	36	7.00	272	160	36	7.00	1.00
Attica,	E. Wood,	288	160		25.00	239	135		25.00	
Monroe,	E. M. H. Fleming	264	200		33.00	264	200		33.00	10.70
Newton,	D. H. Petefish,	200	100		10.00	200	100		10.00	
		\$2492	\$1597	\$160	\$373.50	\$2332	\$1522	\$160	\$373.50	\$29.85

Total Claims, \$4622.50; Total Receipts, \$4387.50; Deficiency, \$285; Rec'd, 95 %

Names Of Charges	Names Of Preachers.	Quarterage Claims	Table Expenses	House Rent Trav. Exp.	Quarter's Receipts	Table Expenses	House Rent	Trav. Exp.	Fifth Coll. & Nec. Cases
Council Bluffs District,	M.F. Shinn,	\$ 200	\$ 500	\$	\$200	\$500			
Council Bluffs,	J. Kelly,	296	200		263	\$200			
Glenwood,									\$3.25
Sydney,	W. Howbart,	264	100	18	\$264	\$100	\$18	\$35	
Page & Taylor,	J.S. Rand,								
Cass,	S. Farlow,								
West Nishoney,	W.C. Williams,	228	175		126	\$127			
Afton,	R. Mulholland,	224	168	36	241	190	\$36	\$15	\$6.35
Quincy,	John Anderson,	248	196	10	224	196		10	
Panora,									
Shelby,									
Magnolia,	WM.A. Scott,	200			200				

\$1660 \$1339 \$54 \$60 \$1518 \$1312 \$54 \$60 \$ 8.60

Total Claims, \$3113. Total Receipts, \$2945. Deficiency, \$168.; Rec'd 95%

(This scattering page caused a slight intermixture of credits to the charges, but the totals are as printed. Typist)

Recapitulation Of Steward's Report.

Districts	Quartermaster Claims	Table Expenses	House Rent	Traveling Expenses	Quartermaster Receipts	Table Expenses	House Rent	Traveling Expenses	Fifth Col.
Keokuk	3214.00	2599.00	356.00	99.45	3154.00	2369.00	291.00	88.75	100
Burlington	3186	2864	373	152.25	2686.28	2338	285.15	110.	150
Muscataine	2310	1988	233.50	95	1967.44	1784	210.50	72	1125
Oskaloosa	3224	1821	315	116	3386	1929.50	315	110	1898
Albia	3128.66	2022.07	170.83	292.50	2922.36	1733	170883	293	10
Ft. Des Moines	2492	1597	160	373.50	2332	1522	160	373.50	298
Council Bluffs	1660	1339	54	60	1518	1312.90	54	60	86
Quartermaster	19214.66	14230.07	166238	119370	18166.08	13299.06	1486.48	113745	954
Table Exp.	14230.07				13229.06				
Ho. Rent	1662.88				1486.48				
Trav. Exp.	1193.70				1137.45				
Total Clms	36300.76				Receipts 34019.07				
" Rpts	34019.07								

Deficiency 2281.69 Or received 95 percent on whole of Claims.
E.L. Briggs, Chairman.

The Conference Stewards would further report the following returns as the amount of Claims and Receipts of the several Preachers in charge of the Districts, Circuits and Stations in the Iowa Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the year ending September 24th, A.D. 1856.

Whole amount of the claims of the Preachers in the regular work is \$36.295.76

Claims of the Widows and Orphans of the deceased members of Conference, 346.43

\$36.642.39

Regular Receipts have been, from the several circuits and stations \$33.642.39

Rec'd from Fifth Collection, and for necessitous cases, 205.45

Total Receipts, \$33.899.04

" Deficiency 2.743.35

The Claims and Receipts, by Districts are as follows, to-wit:-

	Claims	Receipts	Defic.	Per Ct
Keokuk Dist.	6268.45	5902.70	365.75	95 1/2
Burlington,	6575.25	5781.43	793.82	88
Muscatine,	4626.50	4033.94	*592.56	87 1/2
Oskaloosa,	5476.00	5378.00	97.49	98 1/2
Albia,	5614.06	5169.19	444.87	92
Ft Des Moines	4622.50	4387.50	235.00	95
Council Bluffs	3113.00	2944.90	168.10	95
Totals,	36295.76	33598.66	2697.60	95

Receipts by fifth collection, and for necessitous cases, have been as follows, to wit:

Keokuk District,	\$ 1.00
Burlington,	15.80
Muscatine,	11.25
Oskaloosa,	18.93
Albia,	10.00
Ft. Des Moines,	29.87
Council-Bluffs,	8.60
Donated by Thos E. Corkhill,	50.00
Received by public Collection in Conference,	60.00
Total,	<u>\$205.45</u>

*(Muscatine Dist. Deficit \$200, greater than in itemized Dist. report. Typist)

The Stewards have appropriated the above sum,
as follows:

To Mrs Roberts,	2.63
" " Arrington and children,	88.75
" " Jamison and child,	89.31
" Bro. Ockerman's child,	12.38
" " Vale's child,	12.38
Total,	<u>\$205.45</u>

E.L. Briggs, Ch'n Committee of

Stewards.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Stewards be and are hereby requested to make an apportionment among the several Districts, of the amount necessary for the support of the superannuated preachers, their widows, and orphan children, for the coming year, and that the District Stewards be requested to divide the same among the several charges for collection.

On motion, E.L. Briggs was appointed a committee on behalf of the Stewards to perfect the plan contemplated in the above resolution.

Steward's Report.

Of the amount necessary for the support of the necessitous cases, widows and orphans of deceased members of the Iowa Annual Conference for the year commencing October 1st, A.D. 1856, to-wit:

Keokuk District,	\$110.00
Burlington "	110.00
Muscatine "	110.00
Mt. Pleasant "	110.00
Oskaloosa "	88.00
Albia "	88.00
Ft. Des Moines "	88.00
Chariton "	96.00
Council Bluffs	88.00

E.L. Briggs, Ch'n Stewards Committee.

Report Of The Treasurer Of The Iowa Conference
Missionary Society.
Keokuk District.

Exchange Street,	S.Haines,	\$22.00
Chatham Square,	W.F.Cowles,	50.00
Bonaparte,	W.C.Shippen,	3.60
Winchester,	I.P.Teeter,	6.00
Keosauqua,	R.S.Robinson,	24.00
Birmingham,	A.C.McDonald,	30.00
Libertyville,	S.Clark,	11.35
Bloomfield,	L.T.Rowley,	15.50
Troy,	C.Morey,	55.00
Pittsburgh,	B.Holland,	25.75
Vernon,	John Elrod,	4.10
	Total,	<u>\$247.30</u>

Burlington District

Zion,	TM.Goodfellow,	30.00
Ebenezer,	P.P.Ingalls,	18.32
Fairfield,	J.Gassner,	75.00
Glasgow,	M.See,	29.30
Mt.Pleasant,	J.H.White,	120.00
" " ct.	P.Holtzinger,	75.00
New London,	O.C.Shelton,	61.75
Augusta,	I.McClaskey,	25.30
Dodgeville,	J.B.Hiles,	10.00
Swede Mission,	Andrew Erickson,	58.00
	Total,	<u>\$502.67</u>

Muscatine District.

Muscatine,	John Harris,	52.00
" ct,	G.Quiggin,	18.85
Fairport,	W.C.Mynson,	8.00
Grandview,	J.T.Manderville,	34.00
Northfield,	J.Haynes,	83.55
Crawfordsville,	A.J.Kirkpatrick,	65.00
Washington,	G.W.Teas,	51.20
Richmond,	L.C.Woodford,	27.00
Brighton,	B.Mitchell,	33.00
	Total	<u>\$472.60</u>

Oskaloosa

District.

Oskaloosa,	I.I. Stewart,	\$ 60.00
Eddyville,	J. Craig,	163.70
Ottumwa,	W.D. Fouts,	10.25
Agency City,	S. Brooks,	60.75
Brookville,	J. Darrah,	33.00
Sigourney,	S. Westwood,	10.00
Montezuma,	H.H. Badley,	26.00
Fremont,	W. Poston,	18.25
Pella,	T.T. Henderson,	37.00
	Total	<u>\$418.95</u>

Albia

District.

Albia,	C. Woolsey,	21.95
South Grove,	John Jay,	6.70
Chillicothe,	Wm. Armstrong,	20.10
Unionville,	Georger Clark,	2.25
Centreville,	R.B. Allender,	17.80
Corydon,	B.F. Williams,	9.75
Leann,	J.B. Rawls,	20.65
Chariton,	D. Dickinson,	2.50
Lagrange,	D.T. Sweem,	36.50
	Total	<u>\$138.20</u>

Ft. Des Moines District.

Adell,	T. Dixon,	15.00
Winterset,	Supply,	5.00
Brooklyn,	J. Mason,	5.00
Indianola,	S.B. Guiberson,	35.00
Hartford,	A.W. Johnson,	20.15
Knoxville,	E.L. Briggs,	10.50
Attica,	E. Wood,	16.20
Monroe,	E.M.H. Fleming,	46.86
Newton,	D.H. Petefish,	50
	Total	<u>\$154.71</u>

Council Bluffs District.

Glenwood,	J. Kelley,	4.50
Page & Taylor,	Wm. Howbart,	5.00
Quincy,	R. Mulholland,	30.20
Panora,	J. Anderson,	4.00
	Total	<u>\$ 43.70</u>

(N.B. I have omitted from this list charges not reporting any missionary collection. Typist)

Report Of The Treasurer Of The Iowa Conference
Missionary Society.

Keokuk District.

Exchange Street,	S. Haines,	\$22.00
Chatham Square,	W. F. Cowles,	50.00
Bonaparte,	W. C. Shippen,	3.60
Winchester,	I. P. Teeter,	6.00
Keosauqua,	R. S. Robinson,	24.00
Birmingham,	A. C. McDonald,	30.00
Libertyville,	S. Clark,	11.35
Bloomfield,	L. T. Rowley,	15.50
Troy,	C. Morey,	55.00
Pittsburgh,	B. Holland,	25.75
Vernon,	John Elrod,	4.10
	Total,	<u>\$247.30</u>

Burlington District

Zion,	T. M. Goodfellow,	30.00
Ebenezer,	P. P. Ingalls,	18.32
Fairfield,	J. Gassner,	75.00
Glasgow,	M. See,	29.30
Mt. Pleasant,	J. H. White,	120.00
" " ct.	P. Holtzinger,	75.00
New London,	O. C. Shelton,	61.75
Augusta,	I. McClaskey,	25.30
Dodgeville,	J. B. Hiles,	10.00
Swede Mission,	Andrew Erickson,	58.00
	Total	<u>\$502.67</u>

Muscatine District.

Muscatine,	John Harris,	52.00
" ct,	G. Quiggin,	18.85
Fairport,	W. C. Munson	8.00
Grandview,	J. T. Manderville,	34.00
Northfield,	J. Haynes,	83.55
Crawfordsville,	A. J. Kirkpatrick,	65.00
Washington,	G. W. Teas,	51.20
Richmond,	L. C. Woodford,	27.00
Brighton,	B. Mitchell,	33.00
	Total	<u>\$472.60</u>

Oskaloosa

District.

Oskaloosa,	I.I. Stewart,	\$ 60.00
Eddyville,	J. Craig,	163.70
Ottumwa,	W.D. Fouts,	10.25
Agency City,	S. Brooks,	60.75
Brookville,	J. Darrah,	33.00
Sigourney,	S. Westwood,	10.00
Montezuma,	H.H. Badley,	26.00
Fremont,	W. Poston,	18.25
Pella,	T.T. Henderson,	37.00
	Total	<u>\$418.95</u>

Albia

District.

Albia,	C. Woolsey,	21.95
South Grove,	John Jay,	6.70
Chillicothe,	Wm. Armstrong,	20.10
Unionville,	Georger Clark,	2.25
Centreville,	R.B. Allender,	17.80
Corydon,	B.F. Williams,	9.75
Leon,	J.B. Rawls,	20.65
Chariton,	D. Dickinson,	2.50
Lagrange,	D.T. Sweem,	36.50
	Total	<u>\$138.20</u>

Ft. Des Moines District.

Adell,	T. Dixon,	15.00
Wintersett,	Supply,	5.00
Brooklyn,	J. Mason,	5.00
Indianola,	S.B. Guiberson,	35.00
Hartford,	A.W. Johnson,	20.15
Knoxville,	E.L. Briggs,	10.50
Attica,	E. Wood,	16.20
Monroe,	E.M.H. Fleming,	46.86
Newton,	D.H. Petefish,	50
	Total	<u>\$154.71</u>

Council Bluffs District.

Glenwood,	J. Kelley,	4.50
Page & Taylor,	Wm. Howbart,	5.00
Quincy,	R. Mulholland,	30.20
Panora,	J. Anderson,	4.00
	Total	<u>\$ 43.70</u>

(N.B. I have omitted from this list charges not reporting any missionary collection. Typist)

Recapitulation.

Keokuk District,	\$ 247.30
Burlington "	502.67
Muscatine "	472.60
Oskaloosa "	418.95
Albia "	138.20
Ft. Des Moines "	154.70
Council Bluffs "	43.70
	<hr/> \$1978.13

Annual dues from members of of the Society,	22.00
Amount received at Anniversary,	389.00
----- Total,	<hr/> \$2.389.13

Report of Committee On Missions.

The Mission Committee of the Iowa Annual Conference met at the Bishop's room in Mt. Pleasant, Sept. 26, 1856.

The following Missions were continued with the annexed appropriations:

Grandview,	\$50	Millersburgh,	\$50
Peoria,	50	Floris,	50
Afton,	50	Adell & Panora,	60
Council Bluffs City,	150	Magnolia,	80
			<hr/> \$540.

The following new missions were established with the annexed appropriations:

Burris City,	\$80	Harrisburgh,	\$ 50
North Bend,	50	Indianapolis	50
Decatur,	100	Mount Ayer,	50
Des Moines City,	100	Council Bluffs Dist,	150
Lewis,	50	Fayette,	50
Clarinda & Montgomery,	80	Audubon & Shelby,	70
Taylor,	80		<hr/> \$ 960
			<hr/> \$1500

Swede Mission, for two missionaries, 650
\$2150.00

Respectfully submitted, M.H. Hare Chairman,
D. Worthington Secretary.

I concur in the foregoing appropriations of the
Mission Committee, E.S. Janes, Mt. Pleasant, Sept 20
1856.

Secretary's Report Of The Anniversary Of The
Iowa Annual Conference Missionary Society.

Plate Collection, \$46.00

To constitute Dr. Durbin a life member of the
Conference Missionary Society, W. F. Cowles paid
\$1, B. Kibbin, 1, Prof. Fortescue, 1, M. Miller, 2, \$5.

To constitute a citizen of Mt. Pleasant, (who
supports annually three missionaries,) a life
member of the Conf. Miss. Soc., J. H. White, \$1, Dr.
Durbin, 1, Thos. E. Corkhill, 1, D. S. Elliott, 1,
A. J. Kirkpatrick, 1, -\$5.

To constitute H. Reed Hayden a life member
of Conf. Miss. Soc. J. Hayden paid \$5.

To constitute Bishop Janes a life member
of Conf. Miss. Soc., S. Pancoast, \$1, Henry Walker, 1,
Bro. Snyder, 1, Dr. Elbert, 1, T. E. Corkhill, 1, -\$5

To constitute Rev. S. Pancoast, a life member
of Conf. Miss. Soc., A Lady paid \$5.

To constitute John Spencer a life member
of Conf. Miss. Soc., Bro. Patterson, \$1, T. E. Corkhill,
1, M. Miller, 1, I. I. Stewart, 1, H. Gibson, 1, -\$5.

To constitute Mrs. M. J. A. Kelly a life member
of Conf. Miss. Soc., Dr. Walker, \$1, A. Lee, 1, Mrs.
Hart, 1, T. E. Corkhill, 1, W. F. Cowles, 1, -\$5.

To constitute Mrs. J. H. White a life member
of Conf. Miss. Soc., T. E. Corkhill, \$1, Jesse Craig,
1, A. Lee, 1, Mary Gibson, 1, Bro. Olinger, 1, -\$5.

To constitute Dr. L. W. Berry a life member
of the Parent Missionary Society, Mrs. M. J. A.
Kelly, \$1, Prof. Fortescue, 2, A. Lee, 5, B. Mitch-
ell, 1, A Friend, 1, Lucinda Corkhill, 1, Dr. Elbert,
1, Mr. Jones, 1, Henry Walker, 1, A. J. Kirkpatrick, 1,
Mr. Popham, 1, T. E. Corkhill, 1, A Friend, 1, R. S. Rob-
inson, 1, W. F. Cowles, 1, -\$20.

Rev. Wm. Clarridge, to constitute himself a
life member of the Conf. Miss. Soc., \$5.

To constitute Mrs. Sandford Haines a life
member of Conf. Miss. Soc., Dr. J. D. Elbert, \$5.

To constitute Dr. Wm. Ross a life member of
Conf. Miss. Soc., I. I. Stewart, \$1, T. E. Corkhill, 1,
Miss Hart, 1, Bro. Patterson, 1, Mrs. Kelly, 1, -\$5

To constitute Mrs. Lucinda Corkhill a life member of the Conf. Miss. Soc., R. B. Allender, \$1, John Heaton, 1, T. E. Corkhill, 1, J. H. White, 1, A. McDivitt, 1, -- \$5.

To constitute Cornell College, a life member of Conf. Miss. Soc., Rev. E. Skinner, \$5.

To constitute Mrs. A. McDivitt, a life member of the Conf. Miss. Society, T. E. Corkhill, \$5.

To constitute Mrs. Esther A. Hart, a life member of the Conf. Miss. Society, Lucinda Corkhill, \$5.

To constitute the Hamline Literary Society, a life member of the Conf. Miss. Society, The students of the Iowa W. University, \$5.

To constitute the Ruthonian Literary Society a life member of the Conf. Miss. Society, Thos. E. Corkhill \$1, A. Murphy, 1, Bro. Olinger, 1, A. Lee, 1, Miss Wood, 1, -- \$5.

To constitute Chas. M. Lee, Elizabeth Lee, Wm. Lee, and David A. Lee, life members of the Conf. Miss. Society, A. Lee, \$25.

To constitute Esther McDowell a life member of the Conf. Miss. Society, Mrs. Kelly, \$1, Lucinda Corkhill, 1, A. Lee, 1, Miss Gray, 1, Mrs. Beatty, 1, -- \$5.

To constitute Mrs. Jane Corkhill a life member of the Conf. Miss. Society, Thos. E. Corkhill, \$5.

To constitute Mrs. Malinda Patterson a life member of the Conf. Miss. Society, Bro. Patterson \$5.

To constitute the Iowa Wesleyan University a life member of the Conf. Miss. Society, A Friend, \$1, John Darrah, 1, T. E. Corkhill, 1, Col. Saunders, 1, Robert Baxter, 1, -- \$5.

To constitute Mrs. Rosanna Lee a life member of the Parent Society, A. Lee, \$20.

To constitute Hon. James Harlan a life member of the Conf. Miss. Society, A Friend, \$5

To constitute A. Lee, a life member of the Parent Missionary Society, D. S. Elliott, \$2, T. E. Corkhill, 2, B. Kibben, 1, J. H. Davis, 1, J. H. White, 1, Lucinda Corkhill, 1, Prof. Spaulding, 1, Prof. Fortescue, 1, Bro. Dawson, 5, Wm. Armstrong, 2, H. Gibson, 2, Bro. Patterson, 1, --- \$20.

• To constitute Mrs. Mary A. Hare a life member of the Conf. Miss. Society, T. E. Crokhill, \$5.

To constitute the city of New York a life member of the Conf. Miss. Society, T. E. Corkhill, \$1, A. Lee, 1, D. Walker, 1, Prof. Fortescue, 1, Bro. Patterson, 1, --\$5.

To constitute the city of Philadelphia a life member of the Conf. Miss. Society, Prof. Fortescue, \$5.

To constitute Kansas a life member of the Conf. Miss. Society, Three Ladies, \$3, Mrs. J. H. White, 1, A. Lee, 1, --\$5.

To constitute Hon. J. C. Fremont a life member of the Conf. Miss. Society, P. P. Ingalls, \$1, A. Lee, 1, John Spencer, 1, Bro. Jones, 1, H. Walker, 1, --\$5

To constitute the United States and Jas. Buchanan life members of the Conf. Miss. Society, Robert Cowles, --\$10.

To constitute Miss Maria Gray a life member of the Conf. Miss. Society, Mrs. Kelly, \$1, A. Lee, 4 --\$5.

To constitute Prof. W. Fortescue a life member of the Conf. Miss. Society, Miss Gray, \$1, John Duffield 1, Miss Hart, 1, Miss L. Berry, 1, Miss Pennington, 1, --\$5.

To constitute Mrs. Jessie Fremont a life member of the Parent Society, Hon. James Harlan, \$20.

John Guylee gave \$5 to constitute England a life member of the Conf. Miss. Society.

Bro. Burt gave \$15 to constitute himself, wife and son, life members of the Conf. Miss. Society.

David Worthington gave \$20 to constitute Mrs. Orinda L. Worthington a life member of the Parent Society.

Mrs. A. J. Kirkpatrick, Mary R. Stewart, Mrs. T. M. Goodfellow, Sarah Brooks, Eliza E. Mulholland, Jane J. Briggs, Elizabeth Morey, Catherine Friend, Sarah A. Manderville, Priscilla D. Twining, Mary A. Gibson, Joseph Gassner, and Mrs. J. C. Smith were severally constituted life members by the following contributions, viz:

Dr. J. D. Elbert, \$10, Dr. P. Walker, 10, T. E. Corkhill, 1, Lucinda Corkhill, 5, R. Mulholland, 1, Bro. Jones, 5,

Henry Walker, 5, W.C. Williams, 1, --38. Appropriated of plate collection, 27--\$65.

- In addition to the above, the following persons were reported as having been constituted life members by the charges in which they reside: viz:

Chatham Square, Keokuk, -Alexina E. Cowles, Wm. Zara Cowles, Elizabeth A. Newton, Ida Hinman, Barbary Wooster, Joseph C. Hook, Romulus O. Kelly, Levanda J. McDowell, .

Keosauqua--Mrs Jane Robinson.

Northfield, -Jane Earnest, Mary A. Robinson, Mary Wells, Anna Coonrod, Anne C. McIntire, Margaret A. Robinson, Pearson Carmean, Cornelia A. Davis, Elvine Carmean, Jacob Bridges, Christian Coiner, Rev. N. Wells, Rebecca J. Cozier.

Dodgeville, -Rev. J. E. Reynolds, Clarinda Larkins. Crawfordsville, - M. Moorehead, -- Randall, S. K. Helmick, H. B. Kirkpatrick, Thaddeus Bower, N. Owens, Rebecca Easter, Barbary Spears, Ellen Baker, Anne Larkins, Wm. Orris, Martha Bower, Martin Stephens.

Eddyville--J. G. Smith, Flemworth Mortimer, Adams Burruss, William Smith.

Brookville, --Mrs Volumnia Fawcett.

Attica-- Rev. A. C. Barnes, Thos. Myers, D. Rowles.

Respectfully submitted, A. C. McDonald, Secretary.

Sunday School Statistics.

Keokuk District	No. Schools	Officers & Teachers	Number of Scholars	Volumes in Library	Bible Cl's	Scholars in Infant classes	Expenses for School this year	Raised for S. S. Union	S. S. Advocate taken	Conversions
Exchange Street	1	29	208	734	2	24	60.00	16.00	51	
Chatham Square	1	24	200	600			150.00		60	
Montrose	4	41	165	230		54	100.00		24	
Farmington										
Bonaparte	4	25	140	550	1	24	30.00	2.00		5
Winchester	3	27	225	500	3	50	41.90	25.00	40	10
Keosauqua	2	25	80	475	2		15.00		40	5
Birmingham	3	49	192	596	2		37.85	30.00	68	16
Libertyville										
Bloomfield	6	48	265	485			40.00			
Troy	7	76	107	180	2	14	30.00		10	25
Pittsburgh	6	24	327	2000		35		7.00	30	10
Vernon										
	37	368	1957	6290	12	201	604.75	80.00	323	71

Burlington District	No. Schools	Officers & Teachers	Number of Scholars	Volumes in Library	Bible Class	No. Inf. Cl. scholars	S. S. Expenses this yr.	Raised for Sunday S. Union.	S. S. Advocates taken	Conversions
Burlington, Old Zion	1	22	100	550	1		35.00	22.00	36	2
" Ebenezer	1	17	125	400	2			5.95		
Fort Madison	2	20	140	400						
West Point										
Salem	2	13	109	200			35.00			
Fairfield	1	23	256	559	5		80.00	10.70	30	47
Glasgow	5	54	200	542	2	30	22.00	29.97		15
Mt. Pleasant	2	42	285	600			150.00	20.00		
" " circuit	3	41	217	630	6	45	42.00	10.00	12	
New London	5	25	200	300			60.00			5
Augusta	4	70	425	1150				30.00		
Dodgeville										
Swede Mission										
	24	307	1807	4231	16	75	\$414.00	\$ 122.67	78	69

Muscatine District	No. Schools	Officers & Teachers.	No. Scholars	Volumes in Library	No. of Bible Classes	Scholars in Infant Classes	Expenses of the Schools this year.	Raised for Sunday School	Union S. S. Advocates taken	Conversions
Muscatine	1	30	200	150	6	80	20.00		30	10
" circuit	4	45		1250	4	157	50.00	34.60		2
Fairport	1	10	62	102	2					
Grandview	4	40	200	400						
Wapello	3	26	136	554			51.55		46	
Northfield	10	88	457	3045	4	75	175.00	13.75	60	35
Crawfordsville	3	35	270	750	5	12	26.50			
Washington	4	50	250	500		50	20.00		30	
Richmond										
Cedar Valley										
Brighton	5	50	190	500	2	50	50.00			
	35	374	1765	7251	23	424	\$222.25	\$48.35	*166	47

(*This figure in the printed total is 86, so palpable an error that I have corrected it. Typist)

Cskaloosa District	No. Schools	Officers & Teachers	No. Of Scholars	Volumes in Library	No. Bible Classes	Scholars in Inf. Classes	Expenses of Schools this year	Raised for Sunday School Union	S.S. Advocates taken	Conversions
Oskaloosa	1	60	120	500	3	16				
Eddyville	4	44	254	1210	12	40		12.00	30	30
Ottumwa	3	12	118	360	4	15	20.00		30	
Agency City	4	32	200	800			35.00	8.00		10
Brookville	7	61	283	1000	2	85	80.00		21	10
Sigourney	5	61	243	500	5			2.54		
Montezuma	4	20	250	800	2	50	50.00	1.50		10
Millersburgh	2	19	90	120	2	15	16.00			4
Marengo	3	21	150	500	1	20			7	8
Peoria	6	55	300	550	8	4	29.00	4.50		
Pella	2	26	111	273	5		37.00	6.00		5
	48	441	2244	7983	45	261	\$282.00	\$22.10	88	70

Albia District	No. Schools	Officers & Teachers	Number of Scholars	Volumes in Library	No. Bible Classes	Scholars in Inf. Clas's	Expenses of Schools	this year	Raised for Sunday School Union	S.S. Advo- cate taken	Conversions
Albia	1	10	50	300	2	38	10	50	14.40	25	
South Grove	4	26	120	225	5					20	
Chillicothe											
Floris	2	31	120	453	12	40	20.00				7
Drakesville	4	50	272	550	2	30	11.00			11	16
Unionville	3	17	80	230			10.00				3
Centreville	1	9	32	312	5	4	26.00				4
Corydon	2	19	100	225		2	10.25				
Leon	4	24	200	600							
Oceola	4	32	150		1		50.00				
Chariton	2	20	120	200	2		30.00	15.80			
Lagrange	8	64	280	480	1	32	13.00				40
	35	578	1524	3575	30	146	\$270.75	\$ 30.20		56	*70

*(60as printed)

Ft. Des Moines District	No. Schools	Officers & Teachers	Number of	Scholars	Volumes in Library	Bible Class	Scholars in Infant Classes	Expenses of School this year	Raised for Sunday School Union	S.S. Advocate taken	Conversions
Fort Des Moines	1	14		80	400	1	20	35.00	25	25	5
Adell	5	25		150	480	4					
Winterset	7	40		210	500						
Brooklyn	5	30		250	600	2					
Indianola	3	32		140		5		8.00			
Hartford	2	41		220	754	3	40	96.00	20.00	36	19
Knoxville	7	52		236	344						
Attica	2	32		112	700	2		76.50	6.70		
Monroe											
Newton											
	30	234		2600	3000	21	60	*\$215.50	*26.70	61	24

(* Both these totals in error, being printed \$149.00 and \$19.50)

Council Bluffs District	No. Schools	Officers & Teachers	No. Scholars	Volumes in Library	Bible Class's	Scholars in Inf. Classes	Expenses of School this year	Raised for Sunday School Union	S.S. Advocates taken	Conversions
Council Bluffs	1	12	125	200				50.00		
Glenwood	5	42	125	750	5		23.00			
Sydney	3	20	100							
Page & Taylor										
Cass	3		160					10.00		
West Nishoney										
Afton										
Quincy	6	35	150	631	6	25	15.00	18.03		
Panora										
Shelby										
Magnolia	2		115				15.00			
	20	109	775	1581	11	25	\$53.00	\$78.93		

Recapitulation of Sunday School Statistics by Districts.									
	No. Schools	Officers & Teachers	No. Scholars	Volumes in Library	Bible Classes	Scholars in Inf. Classes	Expenses of S.S.. this year	Raised for Sunday School Union	S.S. Advocates taken
Keokuk District	37	368	1949	6290	12	201	504.75	80.00	323
Burlington "	24	307	1807	4231	16	75	414.00	122.67	78
Muscatine "	35	374	1765	7251	23	424	235.55	48.35	186
Oskaloosa "	48	441	2244	9738	45	261	282.00	22.10	88
Albia "	35	578	1524	3575	30	146	270.75	30.20	56
Ft. Des Moines "	30	234	2600	3078	21	60	139.00	19.50	61
Council Bluffs "	20	109	775	1581	11	25	53.00	19.53	
Total	229	2411	12664	33944	158	1192	1789.05	342.35	792
Last Year	244	1882	9364	33117	212	1758	1041.00	114.00	730
Increase		589	3300	827			748.04	*228.35	60
Decrease	15				54	566			
Conversions 331, neither increased or diminished. (*128.00, as printed)									

In addition to the foregoing statistical report, your committee have examined the accounts and labors of your S.S. Agent, and are satisfied that he has done a very good work. Having been hindered in the beginning of the year by affliction, and also by the detention of books from New York, he has not been more than nine months actually engaged in the work. And, yet, in that period he has traveled twenty-five hundred miles, delivered over one hundred sermons and addresses-organized forty schools,-donated books amounting to \$475, and sold to the amount of \$1.500.

Your committee would respectfully submit the following for the consideration and adoption of the Conference:

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders be requested to hold district S.S. meetings in their various districts once a quarter, or as often as found convenient.

Resolved, That we will, in view of the requirements of the discipline, preach expressly on the moral instruction and religious training of children; and, also, to take up a collection in all our congregations to aid the S.S. Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Resolved, That we recommend for election the following officers for the ensuing year;

Samuel Clark, President; Sanford Haines, Vice President; Eli M.H. Fleming, Secretary; A.W. Johnson, Treasurer.

Directors; -Joseph Gasner, T.M. Goodfellow, Frank Evans, George Clark, John Harris.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. Haines, Chairman,

S.P. Crawford, Secretary.

The Typist has endeavored to give a faithful transcription of these records, and has only changed some figures as noted in the statistical tables, where totals were at such variance with the most hasty scanning of the items, that he feared future generations of research workers might suspect him of grievous error, instead of charging it up to the hasty work of Secretaries in preparing their Mss for the printers, or perhaps in some instances careless proof reading was originally responsible.

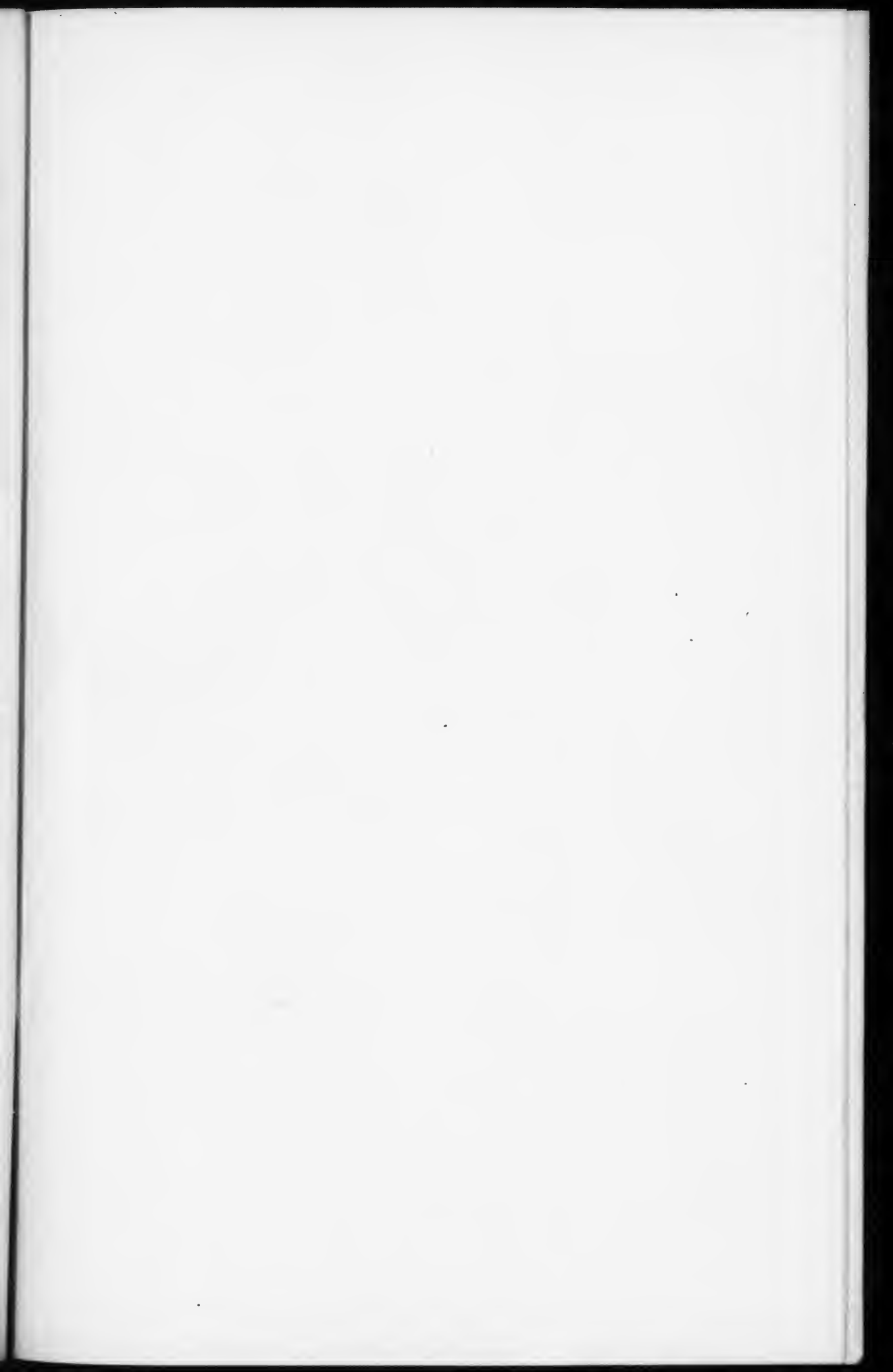
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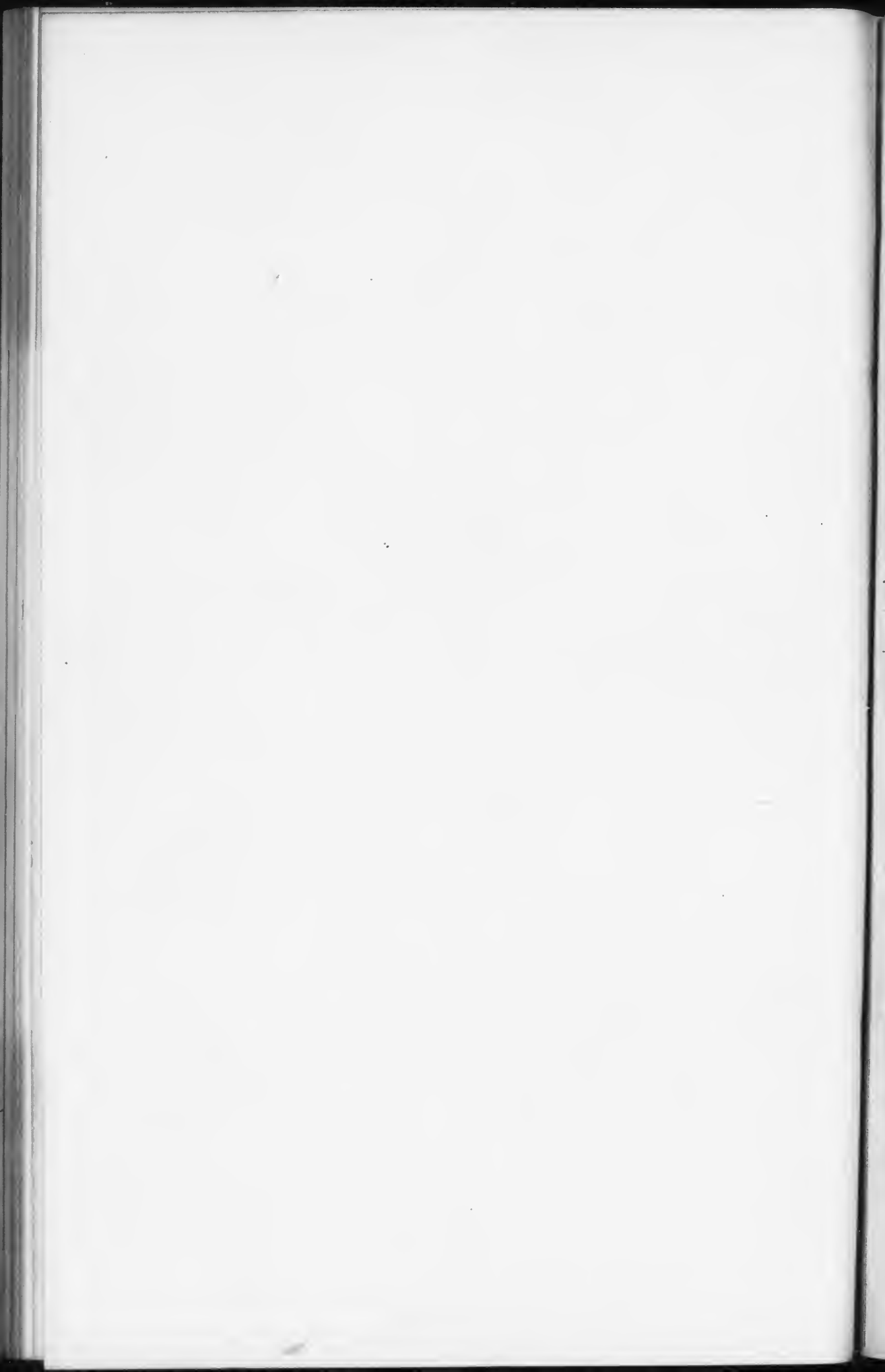
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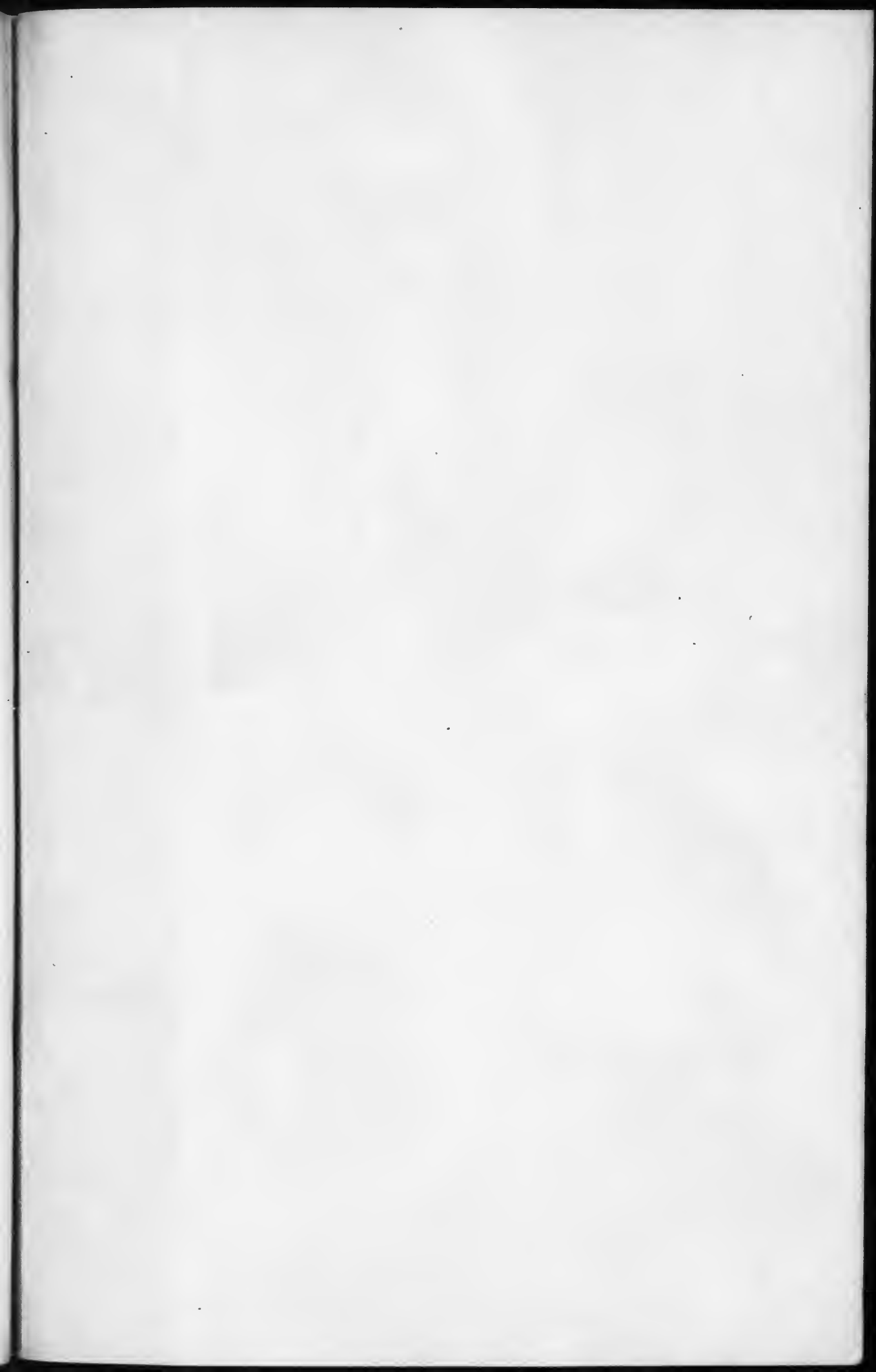
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